

# Tutorial T15

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## Customizing the UMLS Metathesaurus for Your Applications



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# Outline of Tutorial

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# UMLS Knowledge Sources

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Multi-purpose tools or “intellectual middleware” for  
System Developers

- ◆ Metathesaurus
- ◆ SPECIALIST lexicon and lexical programs
- ◆ Semantic Network



Why customize?

# UMLS Metathesaurus

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- ◆ Concepts, terms, and attributes from many controlled “vocabularies”
- ◆ New inter-source relationships, definitional information, use information
- ◆ Scope determined by combined scope of source vocabularies



Why customize?

# UMLS Source “Vocabularies”

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- ◆ Widely varying purposes, structures, properties, but all are in essence “sets of valid values” for data elements:
  - Thesauri, e.g., MeSH
  - Statistical Classifications, e.g., ICD
  - Billing Codes, e.g., CPT
  - Clinical coding systems, e.g., SNOMED, Read
  - Lists of controlled terms, e.g., COSTAR, HL7 values
- ◆ All HIPAA code sets, except NDC



Why customize?

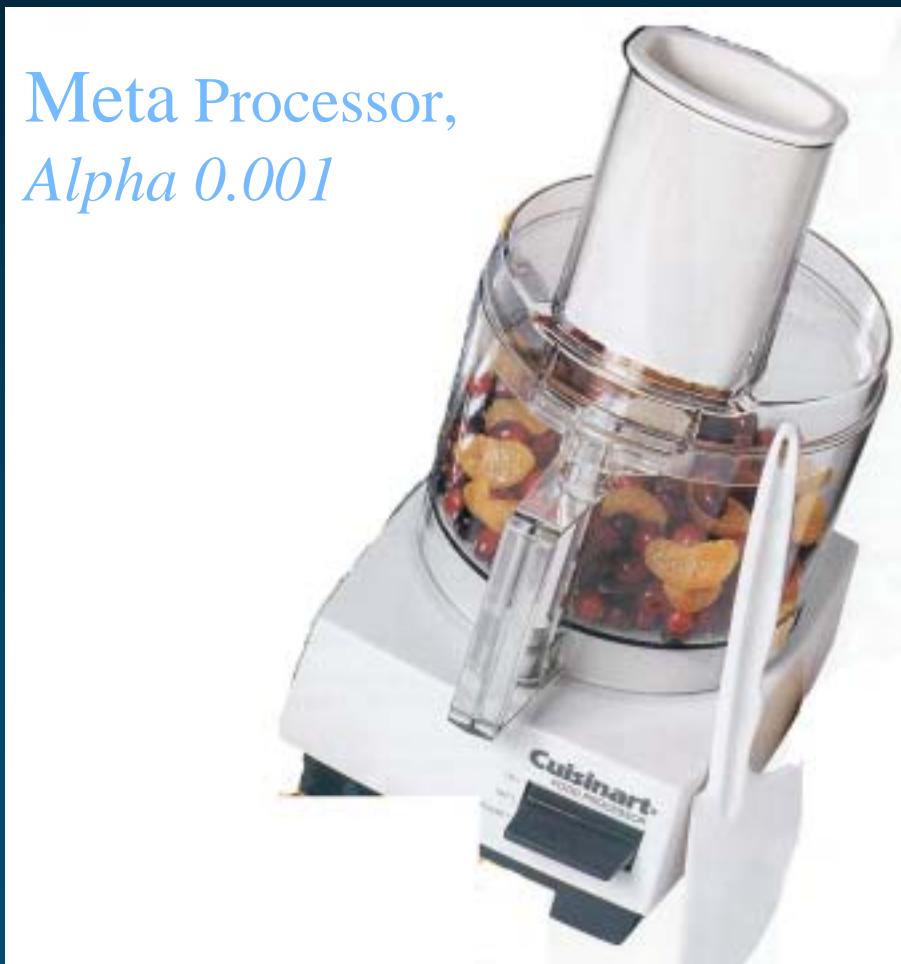
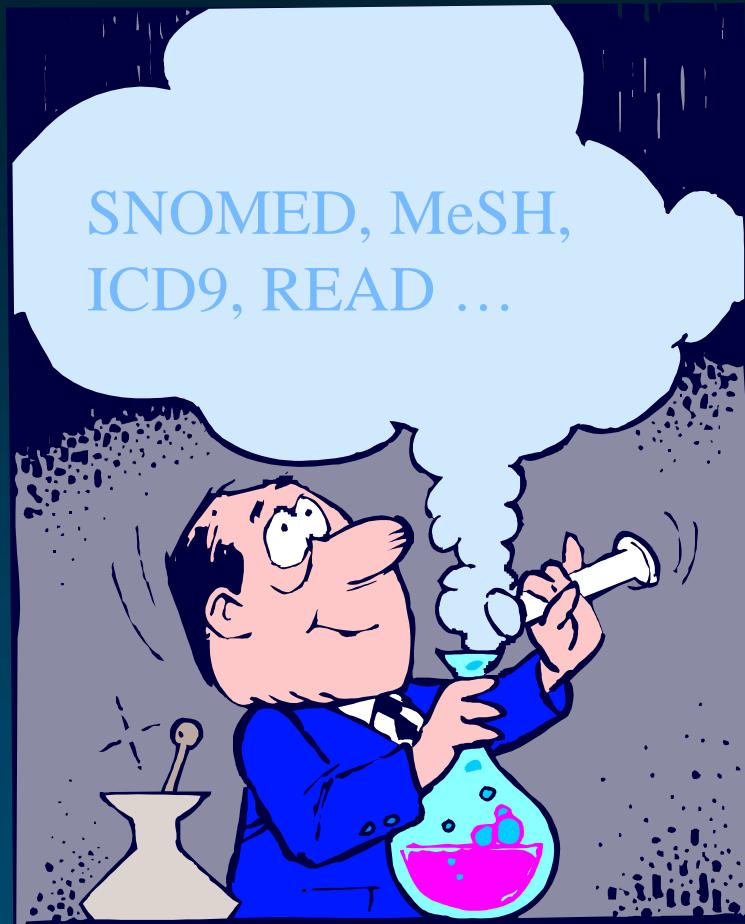
# 2001 UMLS Metathesaurus

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- ◆ ~800,000 concepts
- ◆ ~1,500,000 “terms” (Eye, Eyes, eye = 1)
- ◆ ~1,700,000 “strings”/concept names - (Eye, Eyes, eye = 3)
- ◆ ~10,600,000 relationships between concepts
- ◆ >50 source vocabularies (including several “families” with multiple members)



# How to combine them?



# Not really ....

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- ◆ “The Metathesaurus preserves the meanings, hierarchical connections, and other relationships between terms present in its source vocabularies, while adding certain basic information about each of its concepts and establishing new relationships between concepts and terms from different source vocabularies.”



# Why Customize? 3 basic reasons

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- ◆ Because nobody needs or wants all of it for any specific set of purposes
  - extraneous vs. pernicious concepts, strings, relationships
- ◆ Because you don't have the licenses required for operational use of all source vocabularies
- ◆ Because the default “preferred name” is not best for your applications



Why customize?

# Possibly Extraneous, e.g.,

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- ◆ Terms in languages other than English
- ◆ Redundant minor variations
- ◆ Procedure codes, when your application is focused on problems



# Possibly Pernicious, e.g.,

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- ◆ Terms that lack face validity
- ◆ Abbreviations and short forms
- ◆ Other less than beautiful “suppressible synonyms” already identified by NLM
- ◆ Relationships that reflect an alien or unhelpful “world view”





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http://umlsks3.nlm.nih.gov/cgi-bin/01/META/umls1

What's Related



## Your query term is "prostate"

This query term has multiple concepts associated with it in the Metathesaurus. Select a concept and click on submit button to obtain information about that concept.

- Prostate

Semantic Type:

Body Part, Organ, or Organ Component

- Prostatic Diseases

Semantic Type:

Disease or Syndrome

- Benign neoplasm of prostate

Semantic Type:

Neoplastic Process

- Carcinoma in situ of prostate

Semantic Type:

Neoplastic Process

- Neoplasm of uncertain or unknown behavior of prostate

Semantic Type:

Neoplastic Process

**SUBMIT**



Bookmarks

Netsite: <http://umlsks3.nlm.nih.gov/cgi-bin/01/META/umls1>

What's Related



## Your query term is "er"

This query term has multiple concepts associated with it in the Metathesaurus. Select a concept and click on submit button to obtain information about that concept.

- Endoplasmic Reticulum

Semantic Type:

Cell Component

- Estrogen Receptors

Semantic Type:

Amino Acid, Peptide, or Protein

Semantic Type:

Receptor

Definition:

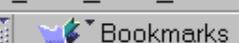
Cytoplasmic proteins that bind estrogens and migrate to the nucleus where they regulate DNA transcription. Evaluation of the state of estrogen receptors in breast cancer patients has become clinically important.

Definition:

ER. Protein found on some cancer cells to which estrogen will attach.

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## UMLS Knowledge Source Server

[ALMECILLIN:SUSCEPTIBILITY:POINT IN TIME:ISOLATE AND SERUM:ORDINAL:SERUM BACTERICIDAL TITER](#)  
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## UMLS Knowledge Source Server

### BASIC CONCEPT INFORMATION

**Concept Name:** [Anemia](#)

**UI:** C0002871

**Semantic Type:** Disease or Syndrome

**Definition ( CSP2000 ):**

subnormal levels or function of erythrocytes, resulting in symptoms of tissue hypoxia.

**Definition ( MSH2001 ):**

A reduction in the number of circulating erythrocytes or in the quantity of hemoglobin.

**Definition ( PDQ2000 ):**

A condition in which the number of red blood cells is below normal.

**Synonyms :**

[Anaemia](#)

[Absolute anemia](#)

[Oligocytopenia of red blood cells](#)

[Oligocytosis of red blood cells](#)

[Anemia unspecified](#)

[Absolute anaemia](#)

[Anaemia unspecified](#)

[Anemia, essential](#)

**Sources:** [CCS99](#), [ICPCPAE](#), [LCH90](#),  
MSH2001, MTH, PSY97, RCDAE, SNM2,

### CST95

[HEMATOLOGIC DISORDERS \[HEM\]](#)  
[RBC DECREASED \[HEM/HEMRBCDEC\]](#)  
[ANEMIA \[HEM/HEMRBCDEC/ANEMIA\]](#)

### AOD99

[health and disease \[G\]](#)  
[disorder by body system or organ function \[](#)  
[blood system disorder \[GT\]](#)  
[blood disorder \[GT2\]](#)  
[anemia \[GT2.6\]](#)

### CSP2000

[disease/disorder \[0944-4756\]](#)  
[blood disorder \[0427-3600\]](#)  
[anemia \[0427-0313\]](#)

### OMS94

[DOMAIN III. PHYSIOLOGICAL \[P3\]](#)  
[Digestion-hydration \[P330\]](#)  
[Impairment \[Q05\]](#)  
[anemia \[P30S06\]](#)

### PDQ2000

[cancer \[208/00041\]](#)  
[cancer-related problem/condition \[208/044\]](#)  
[bone marrow suppression \[208/04478\]](#)  
[anemia \[208/04453\]](#)

### SNMI98

[DISEASES/DIAGNOSES](#)  
[DISEASES OR THE LUMENATOROMETRIC A](#)

# License restriction levels

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- ◆ Level 0 - 56.1% of concepts
  - Basic license requirements, e.g., copyright statement and credits to NLM and producers of the vocabularies you use, no redistribution except as a part of your application
- ◆ Level 1 - 5.5% of concepts
  - Basic, plus you must negotiate with producer to translate into another language

READ the license, including the appendix



# License restriction levels

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- ◆ Level 2 - 0.1% of concepts
  - Basic, plus you must negotiate with producer for use in the creation of health data
- ◆ Level 3 - 38.2% of concepts
  - Basic, plus you must negotiate with the producer for *any* production use. Explicit prohibition against providing access via the Internet.
- ◆ There may - or may not - be license fees associated with uses not covered by the UMLS license.

READ the license, including the appendix



# Customization is critical,

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but it *requires* a clear understanding of:

- ◆ Your functional requirements
- ◆ Characteristics of relevant UMLS source vocabularies
  - You can explore these via UMLS Knowledge Source Server
- ◆ Your license arrangements
- ◆ -- *and* Technical expertise
- ◆ Therefore, it is usually a team sport.



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# Access to UMLS data

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- ◆ Local database
- ◆ Data model
  - Relational model + SQL
  - Object-oriented model + some O-O language



# Metathesaurus Basic organization

- ◆ Synonymous terms clustered into a concept
- ◆ Preferred term (default)
- ◆ Unique identifier (CUI)

Adrenal gland diseases	MeSH	D000307
Adrenal disorder	AOD	0000005418
Disorder of adrenal gland	Read	C15z.
Diseases of the adrenal glands	SNOMED	DB-70000

C0001621

Adrenal Gland Diseases



# Metathesaurus Concepts

- ◆ Concept: Cluster of synonymous terms

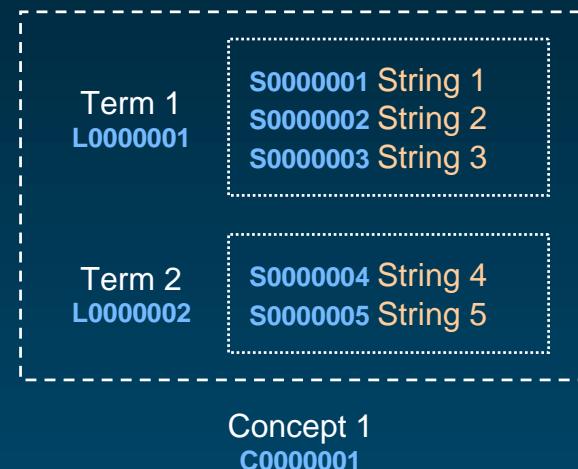
- ~800,000 concepts
  - identified by a CUI

- ◆ Term: Set of lexical variants

- ~1.5 M terms
  - identified by a LUI

- ◆ String: Concept name

- ~1.7 M strings
  - identified by a SUI



# Cluster of synonymous terms

Concept  
C0001621

Term  
L0001621

S0011232 *Adrenal Gland Diseases*  
S0011231 Adrenal Gland Disease  
S0000441 Disease of adrenal gland  
S0481705 Disease of adrenal gland, NOS  
S0220090 Disease, adrenal gland  
S0044801 Gland Disease, Adrenal

[...]

Term  
L0041793

S0860744 *Disorder of adrenal gland, unspecified*  
S0217833 Unspecified disorder of adrenal glands

Term  
L0161347

S0225481 *ADRENAL DISORDER*  
S0627685 DISORDER ADRENAL (NOS)

[...]

Term  
L0181041

S0632950 *Disorder of adrenal gland*  
S0354509 Adrenal Gland Disorders

[...]

Term  
L0368399

S0586222 *Adrenal disease*  
S0466921 ADRENAL DISEASE, NOS

[...]

Term  
L1279026

S1520972 *Nebennierenkrankheiten*

GER

Term  
L0162317

S0226798 *SURRENALE, MALADIES*

FRE

[...]



# Metathesaurus files Concepts



MRCON

Adrenal gland diseases  
Adrenal disorder  
Disorder of adrenal gland  
Diseases of the adrenal glands

C0001621



MRSO

MeSH D000307  
AOD 0000005418  
Read C15z.  
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Adrenal Gland Diseases



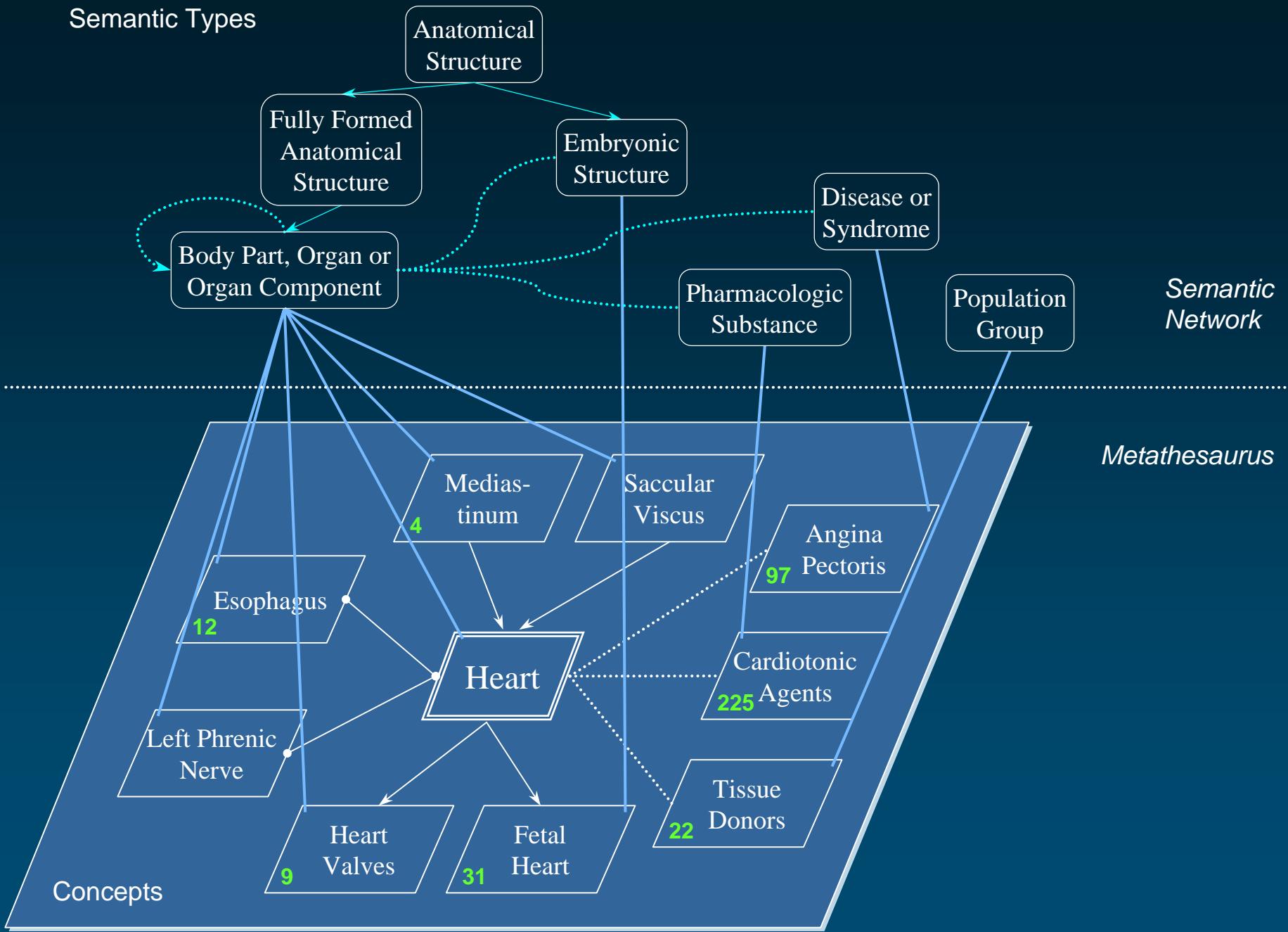
# Metathesaurus Relationships

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- ◆ Asserted relationships: 4.7 M pairs of concepts
  - ◆ Statistical relationships : 5.9 M pairs of concepts (co-occurring concepts)
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- ◆ Categorization: Relationships to semantic types from the Semantic Network



## Semantic Types



# Metathesaurus files Relationships

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- ◆ Asserted relationships

MRREL



- ◆ Statistical relationships

MRCOC



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- ◆ Categorization

MRSTY



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# What is MetamorphoSys?

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- ◆ A tool distributed for use with the UMLS Knowledge Sources
  - Already present in UMLS distribution in META/METAMSYS directory
- ◆ Multi-platform Java software
- ◆ Creates a customized version of the Metathesaurus
- ◆ An updated version has been created for 2002 release
  - Simpler to use with more features



# Why use MetamorphoSys?

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- ◆ Exclude vocabularies as required by the UMLS License Agreement
  - Default action is to select only vocabularies that have no additional restrictions (category zero)
- ◆ Remove terminology that may not fit a particular view or application
  - LOINC terms may be removed for Natural Language Processing
- ◆ Alter default “preferred name” precedence and control suppressibility of source term types



# Why use MetamorphoSys?

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- ◆ Remove relationships
  - e.g. Relationships from CCPSS not needed in application due to nature of rels and # that exist
- ◆ Currently, using MetamorphoSys, users cannot remove relationships from a particular source without removing all other data
  - In example above, to remove CCPSS relationships would remove all CCPSS data using the interface
  - Future MetamorphoSys enhancements may allow for removal of only relationships



# How does MetamorphoSys Work?

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- ◆ What it does: removes all information from MR\* files that is supplied by the excluded vocabularies
  - This includes strings, relationships, attributes, mappings, etc.
- ◆ What results: A full Metathesaurus, including all the MR\* files, containing information that matches what the user requested



# How to Use MetamorphoSys

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- ◆ Machine requirements
- ◆ Graphical User Interface
- ◆ Customizing with the interface



# Machine Requirements

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- ◆ A minimum of 256 MB of physical memory, as well as 8 GB recommended free disk space
  - Full UMLS distribution needs to be present
  - MetamorphoSys needs to be in the same directory as the data
- ◆ Can run on all Java platforms



# Graphical User Interface

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- ◆ Uses a Java graphical user interface
- ◆ Started by the MetamorphoSys program once UMLS distribution has been unpacked
  - Found in the /META/METAMSYS directory
  - **MetamorphoSys.sh** starts the program in the UNIX environment
  - **MetamorphoSys.bat** starts the program in the Windows environment



# Graphical User Interface

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- ◆ Simple to use
  - Allows users to make changes and save the changes for later use without having to edit a config file
- ◆ Composed of 4 Tabs
- ◆ Default is a Metathesaurus with just category zero vocabularies
  - Restriction levels are listed in License Agreement and are also listed in the interface under the Sources tab



# Graphical User Interface components

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- ◆ Four tabs and an Options menu are present in the interface
  - Files/Folders
  - Sources
  - Precedence
  - Term Status
  - Options menu
    - Reset default settings
    - Advanced Options menu
    - Edit precedence



# Files/ Folders tab

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- ◆ MetamorphoSys is version aware
  - Links to Metathesaurus version it should be run against
  - On the top bar of the interface, the Meta version that should be used is listed
  - If a user tries to run against another version, a warning message appears



# Files/ Folders tab

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- ◆ Indicate where UMLS distribution is located
- ◆ Indicate where the customized Metathesaurus should go
- ◆ Indicate which config file should be used (default is the config file that came with MetamorphoSys but users can select their own)
- ◆ Default directories are provided but users can change if needed



**Files/Folders Sources Precedence Term Status**

Please choose folders/files for the location of the Metathesaurus files,  
the destination of the subset files, and the configuration file to use.

**Files and Folders****Installation Folder - Location of Metathesaurus Files**

C:\UMLS2001AC\2001AC\META

**Browse..****Target Folder - Location of Subset Files**

C:\UMLS2001AC\2001AC\METASUBSET

**Browse..****Current Configuration File**

C:\UMLS2001AC\2001AC\META\METAMSYS\config\mmmsys.prop.default

**Browse..**

# Sources Tab

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- ◆ Sources are listed alphabetically
  - Includes full source name, abbreviation, Source Family Name and restriction level
  - Can be sorted on any of these fields
- ◆ Sources highlighted are the ones to be excluded
- ◆ Can change to include or exclude any vocabulary
  - The <ctrl> key needs to be held down to select or deselect new sources
- ◆ Options menu allows default values to be reset



# Sources Tab Source Family Value

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- ◆ Sources are now assigned a **Source Family Value**
  - All related sources are given the same Family Value
  - This allows sources to be grouped together that are covered under the same licensing agreements
  - For example: WHOART and all its foreign language versions (they all have a source family value of WHO)



# Sources Tab Source Family Value

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- ◆ When you click on one member of a source family, another window will appear verifying that all members of that family will be removed
  - Default is that all family members are removed but this can be changed
- ◆ Under Advanced Options, user can deactivate enforcement of family selection
  - Can also select auto-enforcement which will not give the user a chance to deselect any source family members



# Sources Tab Dependent Source Value

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- ◆ Sources can also have a **Dependent Source** value
  - Sometimes sources are related in a way similar to **source families** but do not properly belong in the same family. These are grouped together so they can be removed together if needed
    - e.g. CPT (family=CPT) and HCPT (family=HCPCS)
  - Advanced Options allows users to create their own dependent source relationships



# Sources Tab Dependent Source Value

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- ◆ When you click on one member of a dependent source, another window will appear verifying that all members of that dependent source will be removed
  - Default is that all members are removed but this can be changed
- ◆ Under Advanced Options, user can deactivate enforcement of dependent source selection
  - Can also select auto-enforcement which will not give the user a chance to deselect any dependent source members



Please select one or more sources to remove from the UMLS Metathesaurus. For more info. on which categories of sources you might want to exclude consult the documentation. To select additional rows, hold down the <Ctrl> key while you make your selection. To reset selections to the default select "Reset Source Table Defaults" under the "Options" menu.

**Sources to Exclude**

Full Source Name	Source Abbreviation	Source Family	Restriction Level
ICD-9-CM, 6th ed.	ICD2001	ICD9	0
International Statistical Classification of Disease...	ICDAMAE	ICD10AM	3
International Classification of Primary Care, A...	ICPC2AE	ICPC2E	0
International Classification of Primary Care 2n...	ICPC2E	ICPC2E	3
International Classification of Primary Care, V...	ICPC2P	ICPC2P	3
International Classification of Primary Care	ICPC93	ICPC	0
The International Classification of Primary Car...	ICPCBAQ	ICPC	0
The International Classification of Primary Car...	ICPCDAN	ICPC	0
The International Classification of Primary Car...	ICPCDUT	ICPC	0
The International Classification of Primary Car...	ICPCFIN	ICPC	0
The International Classification of Primary Car...	ICPCFRE	ICPC	0
The International Classification of Primary Car...	ICPCGER	ICPC	0
The International Classification of Primary Car...	ICPCHEB	ICPC	0
The International Classification of Primary Car...	ICPCHUN	ICPC	0
The International Classification of Primary Car...	ICPCITA	ICPC	0
The International Classification of Primary Car...	ICPCNOR	ICPC	0
International Classification of Primary Care, V...	ICPCPAE	ICPC2P	3
The International Classification of Primary Care	ICPCPOP	ICPC	0



# Precedence Tab

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- ◆ MTH source is the default highest precedence source
- ◆ Sources are arranged by their rank with highest rank first
- ◆ Fields include full source name, source abbreviation, term type and rank
  - Table can be sorted on any of these fields
- ◆ Highlighting a source will select it as the highest precedence
  - Only one source can be chosen at a time



# Precedence Tab

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- ◆ Options menu allows user to Edit Precedence
  - This opens a new window listing all the sources and term types in ranked order with MTH/PN as the highest
  - Users cut and paste the source-term types into whatever order they want
  - This new order can be saved by users in their own config file



Select a single source whose terms you want to have the highest precedence, overriding the default. This will cause terms from this source to be used to represent the name of concepts in which they occur.

### Select Highest Precedence Source

Full Source Name	Source Abbreviation	Term Type	Rank
UMLS Metathesaurus	MTH	PN	1
Medical Subject Headings	MSH2001	MH	2
Medical Subject Headings	MSH2001	HT	3
Medical Subject Headings	MSH2001	TQ	4
Medical Subject Headings	MSH2001	EP	5
Medical Subject Headings	MSH2001	EN	6
Medical Subject Headings	MSH2001	XQ	7
Medical Subject Headings	MSH2001	NM	8
DSM-IV	DSM4	PT	9
DSM-III-R	DSM3R	PT	10
SNOMED International	SNMI98	PT	11
SNOMED International	SNMI98	PX	12
SNOMED International	SNMI98	HT	13
SNOMED International	SNMI98	HX	14
First DataBank National Drug Data File	NDDF00	CD	15
First DataBank National Drug Data File	NDDF00	IN	16
First DataBank Master Drug Data Base	MDDB99	CD	17
Micromedex DRUGDEX	MMV00	CD	18



# Term Status Tab

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- ◆ Used to add suppressibility
- ◆ All source-term type combinations that are suppressible are highlighted
- ◆ Cannot change term types that are already suppressible to non-suppressible
- ◆ New combinations can be highlighted to make suppressible



# Term Status Tab

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- ◆ Under Advanced Options, a user can now choose to remove all suppressible data from the subsetted Metathesaurus being created
- ◆ If not removed, the data is just marked as suppressible with a little “S”



Select one or more source and term type combinations that you wish to make suppressible.

To select additional rows hold down the <Ctrl> key while you make your selection.

To reset selections to the default select "Reset Term Status Table Defaults" under the "Options" menu.

#### Select One or More Suppressible Term Types

Full Source Name	Source Abbreviation	Term Type
Home Health Care Classification	HHC96	MP
Health Level Seven Vocabulary	HL7	PT
Health Level Seven Vocabulary	HL7	VS
ICD10	ICD10	HS
ICD10	ICD10	HT
ICD10	ICD10	HX
ICD10	ICD10	PS
ICD10	ICD10	PT
ICD10	ICD10	PX
ICD10, American English Equivalents	ICD10AE	HS
ICD10, American English Equivalents	ICD10AE	HT
ICD10, American English Equivalents	ICD10AE	HX
ICD10, American English Equivalents	ICD10AE	PS
ICD10, American English Equivalents	ICD10AE	PT
ICD10, American English Equivalents	ICD10AE	PX
International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related...	ICD10AM	HT
International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related...	ICD10AM	PS
International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related...	ICD10AM	PT



# Running MetamorphoSys

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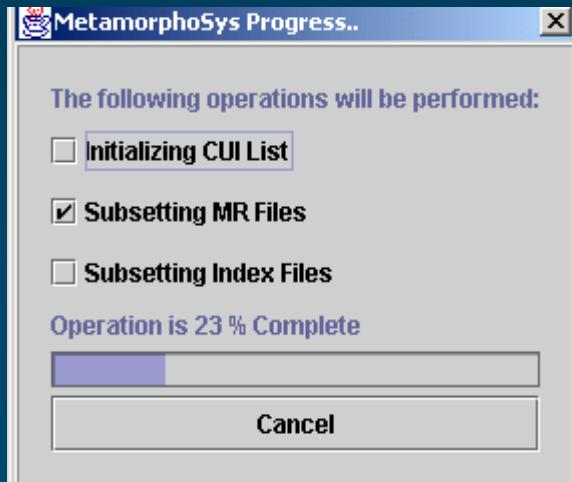
- ◆ Once configuration is defined, a simple file selection starts subsetting
  - Under File Menu – Begin MetamorphoSys
- ◆ Before subsetting begins, user is asked if they want the current config file (with all changes) to be saved
  - This is how a user can save changes for future runs of MetamorphoSys



# Progress Monitor

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- ◆ Once subsetting begins, a progress monitor tracks process
  - Tracks progress through three major steps
  - Screen disappears only when subsetting is complete
  - “Cancel” ends the subsetting process



# Log File

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- ◆ After completion, a log file screen appears to indicate the process is complete and will report any errors
  - Log lists data files used, where the subsetted Metathesaurus is, name of configuration file used, number of concepts in subsetted files, time elapsed
  - Found in subset directory



**Subsetting is complete!**

```
Source Metathesaurus folder:.....C:\UMLS2001AC\2001AC\META
Subsetted Metathesaurus folder:.....C:\UMLS2001AC\2001AC\METASUBSET
Configuration file used:.....config/mmsys.prop.default
Concepts in source:.....399
Concepts in subset:.....399
Start at:.....Wed Oct 24 13:07:40 EDT 2001
Finish at:.....Wed Oct 24 13:08:23 EDT 2001
Time elapsed:.....00:00:43
```

**OK**

# For More MetamorphoSys Information

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- ◆ See README Appendix B in the tutorial handout
- ◆ Go to <http://umlsinfo.nlm.nih.gov> and click on the UMLS Tools section
- ◆ Read Section 2.8 of the UMLS Documentation



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  - Customize strings Olivier Bodenreider
  - Customize synonyms
  - Customize relationships
  - Customize concept spaces
- ◆ Adding “local” terminology Bill Hole



# MetamorphoSys Details

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- ◆ MetamorphoSys output for:
  - Source exclusion
  - Altering precedence
  - Adding to suppressibility
- ◆ MetamorphoSys Configuration
- ◆ Looking ahead



# Metathesaurus Data for C0001403 ("Addison's Disease")

# MRCON, MRSO Data for C0001403

C0001403 ENG P L0001403 PF S0010794 Addison's Disease 0
C0001403 ENG P L0001403 VC S0352253 ADDISON'S DISEASE 0
C0001403 ENG P L0001403 VO S0033587 Disease, Addison 0
C0001403 ENG P L0001403 VO S0469271 Addison's disease, NOS 3
C0001403 ENG S L0367999 PF S0469267 Addison melanoderma 3
C0001403 ENG S L0373744 PF S0471237 Asthenia pigmentosa 3

C0001403 L0001403 S0010794 MSH2001 MH D000224 0
C0001403 L0001403 S0352253 CST95 GT ADREN INSUFFIC 0
C0001403 L0001403 S0352253 WHO97 IT 0410 2
C0001403 L0001403 S0033587 MSH2001 PM D000224 0
C0001403 L0001403 S0469271 SNMI98 PT DB-70620 3
C0001403 L0367999 S0469267 SNMI98 SY DB-70620 3
C0001403 L0373744 S0471237 SNMI98 SY DB-70620 3



# MRCON, MRSO Data for C0001403

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MRCON

	P	L0001403
	S	L0367999
	S	L0373744

MRSO




# MRCON, MRSO Data for C0001403

MRCON

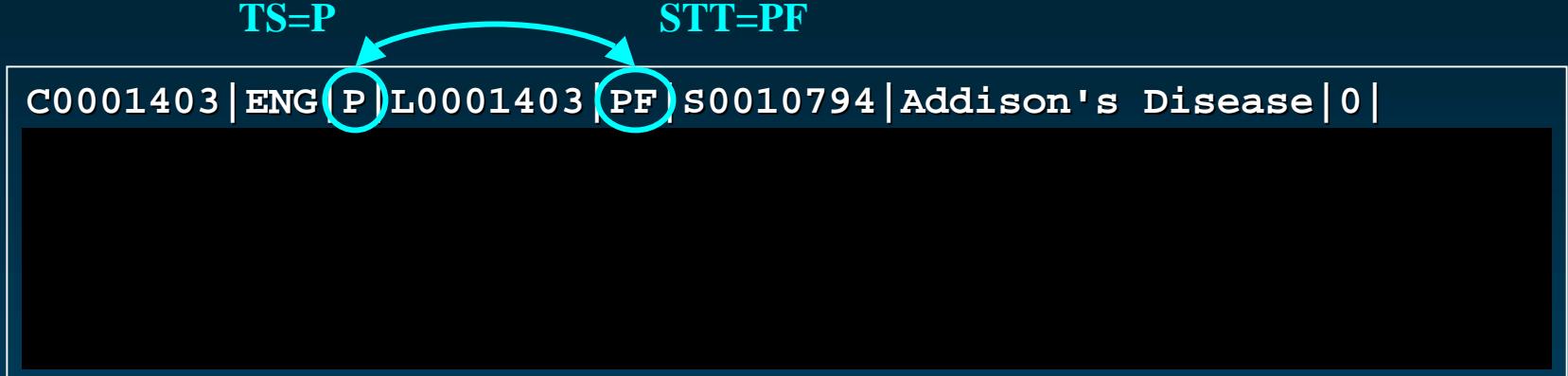
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P L0001403 VO S0469271 Addison's disease, NOS 3	

MRSO

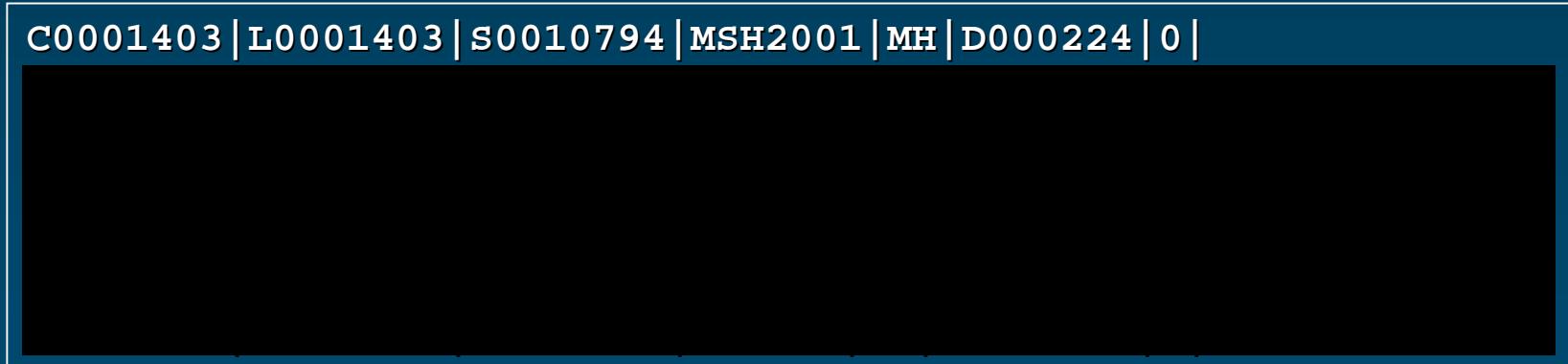


# MRCON, MRSO Data for C0001403

MRCON



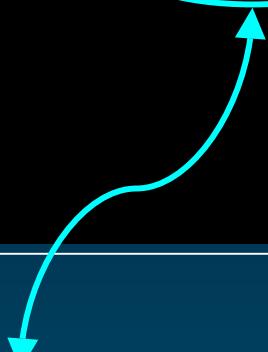
MRSO



# MRCON, MRSO Data for C0001403

MRCON

C0001403|ENG|P|L0001403|PF|S0010794|Addison's Disease|0|



MRSO

C0001403|L0001403|(S0010794)|MSH2001|MH|D000224|0|



# MRCON, MRSO Data for C0001403

MRCON

C0001403|ENG|P|L0001403|PF|S0010794|Addison's Disease|0|

MRSO

C0001403|L0001403|S0010794|MSH2001|MH|D000224|0|



# MRCON, MRSO Data for C0001403

MRCON

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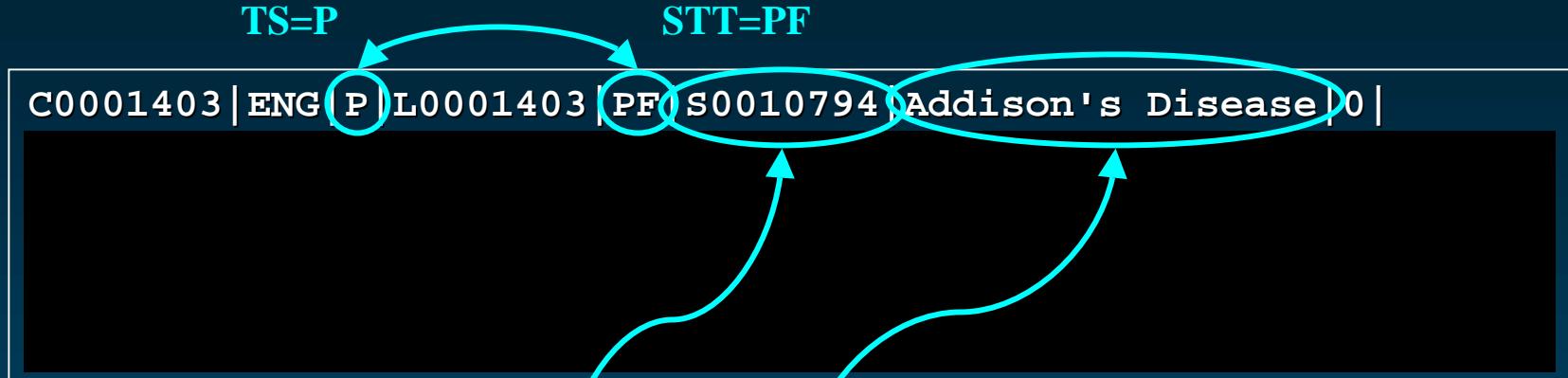
MRSO

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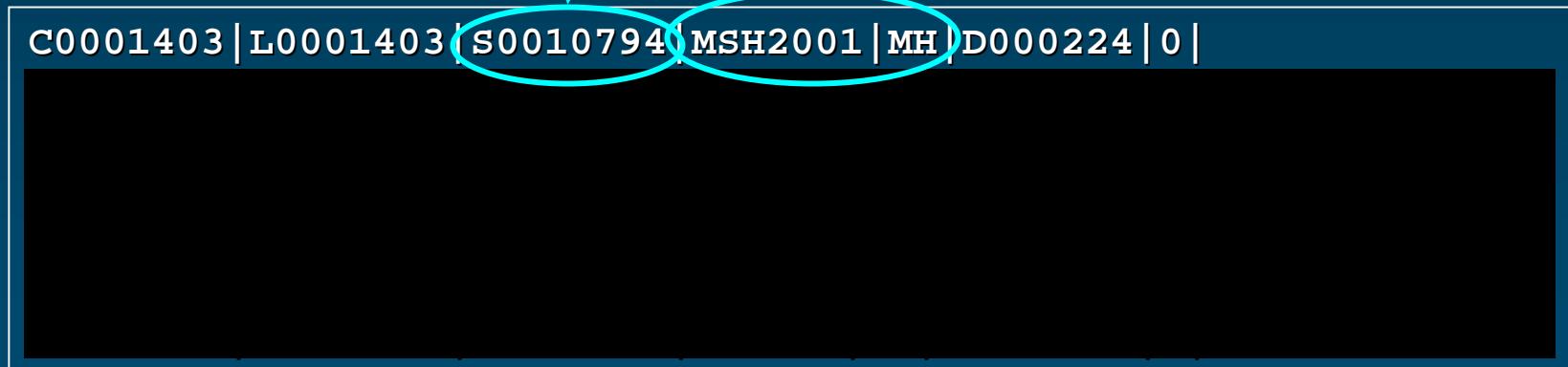


# MRCON, MRSO Data for C0001403

MRCON



MRSO



# MRREL, MRSAT Data for C0001403

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C0001403|RB|C0001621||MTH|MTH||  
C0001403|RB|C0004364||CSP2001|CSP2001||  
C0001403|RN|C0518933||MTH|MTH||  
C0001403|RO|C0085860||MTH|MTH||  
C0001403|RO|C0546992|associated_with|SNMI98|SNMI98||
```

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C0001403|L0001403|S0010794|D000224|MN|MSH2001|C20.111.163|  
C0001403|L0001403|S0010794|D000224|MUI|MSH2001|M0000346|  
C0001403|L0001403|S0469271|DB-70620|SIC|SNMI98|255.4|  
C0001403|L0001403|S1619433|10013096|MPC|MDR33|10001390|
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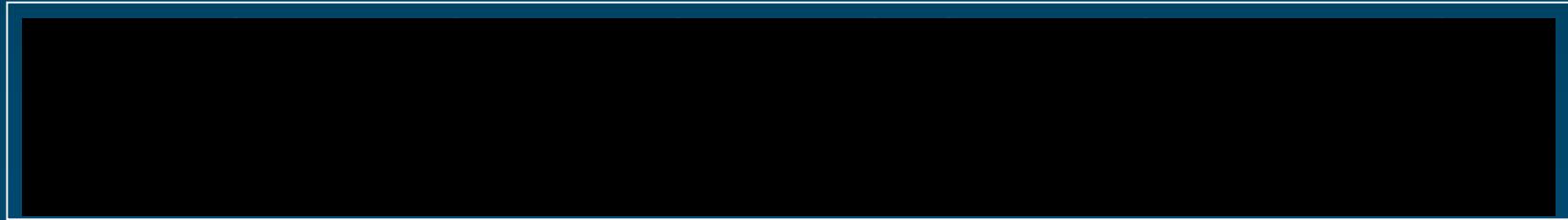
# MRREL, MRSAT Data for C0001403

MRREL



Addison's Disease      <has child>      Tuberculous Addison's disease

MRSAT



# MRREL, MRSAT Data for C0001403

MRREL

```
C0001403|CHD|C0546992||RCD99|RCD99||  
C0001403|PAR|C0001621||PSY2001|PSY2001||  
C0001403|PAR|C0004364|inverse_isa|MSH2001|MSH2001||
```

Context  
Relationships  
from Sources



# MRREL, MRSAT Data for C0001403

MRREL

C0001403 RB C0001621  MTH MTH
C0001403 RB C0004364  CSP2001 CSP2001
C0001403 RN C0518933  MTH MTH
C0001403 RO C0085860  MTH MTH
C0001403 RO C0546992 associated_with SNMI98 SNMI98

Other  
Relationships  
from Sources  
and MTH



# MRREL, MRSAT Data for C0001403

MRREL

Source  
Attributes

MRSAT

C0001403|L0001403|S0010794|D000224|MN|MSH2001|C20.111.163|  
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C0001403|L0001403|S0469271|DB-70620|SIC|SNMI98|255.4|  
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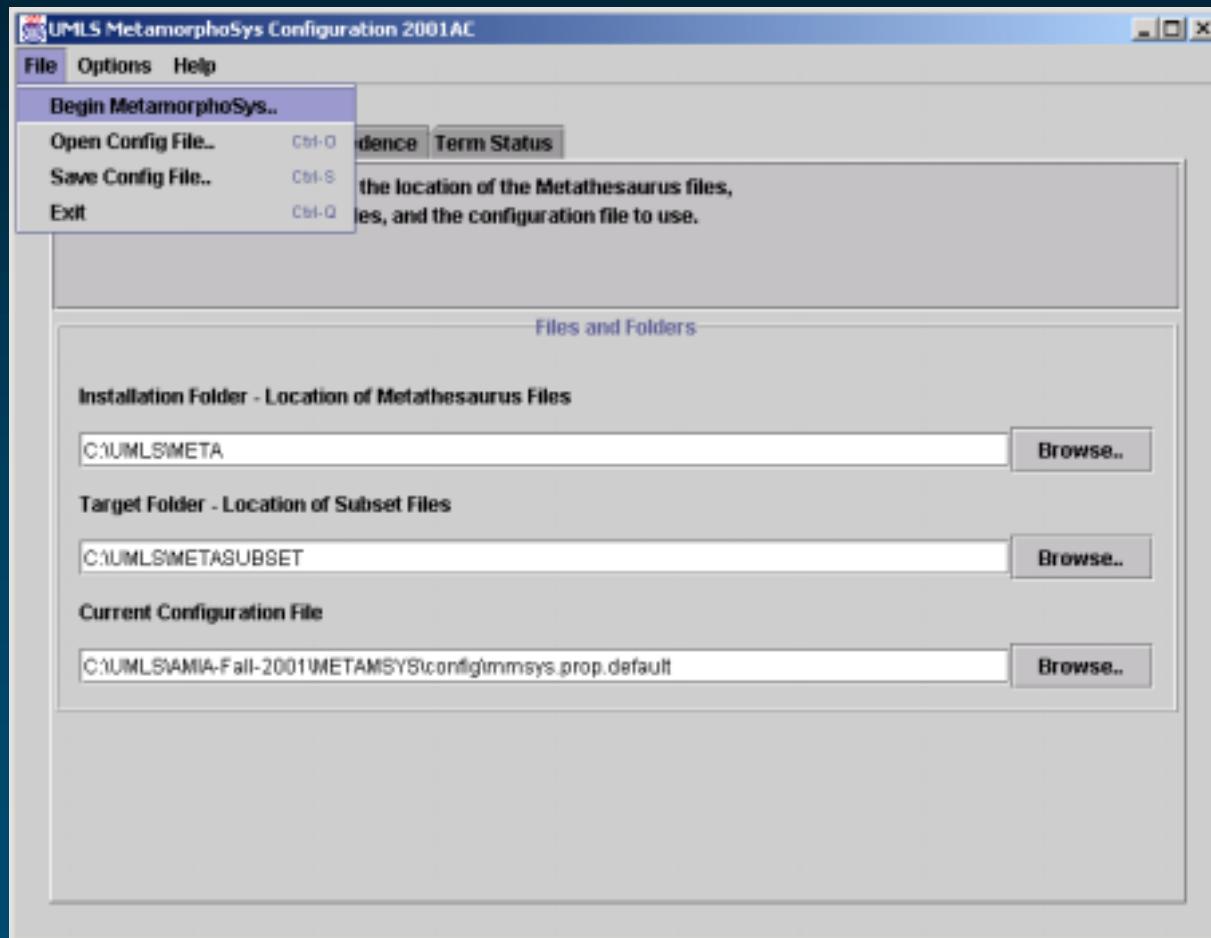
# Default Subset using MetamorphoSys

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- ◆ Removing all sources with a Source Restriction Level greater than 0
- ◆ Using default precedence ranking from MRRANK (highest precedence is MTH/PN, etc.)
- ◆ Default suppressibility and retaining suppressible rows in MRCON as TS=s



# Default Subset



# Default Subset: MRCON, MRSO

MRCON

C0001403 ENG P L0001403 PF S0010794 Addison's Disease 0
C0001403 ENG P L0001403 VC S0352253 ADDISON'S DISEASE 0
C0001403 ENG P L0001403 VO S0033587 Disease, Addison 0
C0001403 ENG P L0001403 VO S0469271 Addison's disease, NOS 3
C0001403 ENG S L0367999 PF S0469267 Addison melanoderma 3
C0001403 ENG S L0373744 PF S0471237 Asthenia pigmentosa 3

MRSO

C0001403 L0001403 S0010794 MSH2001 MH D000224 0
C0001403 L0001403 S0352253 CST95 GT ADREN INSUFFIC 0
C0001403 L0001403 S0352253 WHO97 IT 0410 2
C0001403 L0001403 S0033587 MSH2001 PM D000224 0
C0001403 L0001403 S0469271 SNMI98 PT DB-70620 3
C0001403 L0367999 S0469267 SNMI98 SY DB-70620 3
C0001403 L0373744 S0471237 SNMI98 SY DB-70620 3



# Rows excluded: MRCON, MRSO

MRCON

C0001403 ENG P L0001403 PF S0010794 Addison's Disease 0
C0001403 ENG P L0001403 VC S0352253 ADDISON'S DISEASE 0
C0001403 ENG P L0001403 VO S0033587 Disease, Addison 0
C0001403 ENG P L0001403 VO S0469271 Addison's disease, NOS 3
C0001403 ENG S L0367999 PF S0469267 Addison melanoderma 3
C0001403 ENG S L0373744 PF S0471237 Asthenia pigmentosa 3

Restricted Sources

MRSO

C0001403 L0001403 S0010794 MSH2001 MH D000224 0
C0001403 L0001403 S0352253 CST95 GT ADREN INSUFFIC 0
C0001403 L0001403 S0352253 WHO97 IT 0410 2
C0001403 L0001403 S0033587 MSH2001 PM D000224 0
C0001403 L0001403 S0469271 SNMI98 PT DB-70620 3
C0001403 L0367999 S0469267 SNMI98 SY DB-70620 3
C0001403 L0373744 S0471237 SNMI98 SY DB-70620 3



# Rows remaining: MRCON, MRSO

```
C0001403|ENG|P|L0001403|PF|S0010794|Addison's Disease|0|
C0001403|ENG|P|L0001403|VC|S0352253|ADDISON'S DISEASE|0|
C0001403|ENG|P|L0001403|VO|S0033587|Disease, Addison|0|
```

```
C0001403|L0001403|S0010794|MSH2001|MH|D000224|0|
C0001403|L0001403|S0352253|CST95|GT|ADREN INSUFFIC|0|
```

```
C0001403|L0001403|S0033587|MSH2001|PM|D000224|0|
```



# Preferred name remains unchanged

TS=P

STT=PF

```
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C0001403|ENG|P|L0001403|VO|S0033587|Disease, Addison|0|
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C0001403|L0001403|S0010794|MSH2001|MH|D000224|0|
C0001403|L0001403|S0352253|CST95|GT|ADREN INSUFFIC|0|
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# S0352253 Survives

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C0001403|ENG|P|L0001403|VO|S0033587|Disease, Addison|0|

C0001403|L0001403|S0010794|MSH2001|MH|D000224|0|  
C0001403|L0001403|S0352253|CST95|GT|ADREN INSUFFIC|0|

C0001403|L0001403|S0033587|MSH2001|PM|D000224|0|



# Default subset: MRREL, MRSAT

MRREL

```
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C0001403|RB|C0001621||MTH|MTH||  
C0001403|RB|C0004364||CSP2001|CSP2001||  
C0001403|RN|C0518933||MTH|MTH||  
C0001403|RO|C0085860||MTH|MTH||  
C0001403|RO|C0546992|associated_with|SNMI98|SNMI98||
```

MRSAT

```
C0001403|L0001403|S0010794|D000224|MN|MSH2001|C20.111.163|  
C0001403|L0001403|S0010794|D000224|MUI|MSH2001|M0000346|  
C0001403|L0001403|S0469271|DB-70620|SIC|SNMI98|255.4|  
C0001403|L0001403|S1619433|10013096|MPC|MDR33|10001390|
```



# Rows Excluded: MRREL, MRSAT

C0001403|CHD|C0546992||RCD99|RCD99||  
C0001403|PAR|C0001621||PSY2001|PSY2001||  
C0001403|PAR|C0004364|inverse\_isa|MSH2001|MSH2001||  
C0001403|RB|C0001621||MTH|MTH||  
C0001403|RB|C0004364||CSP2001|CSP2001||  
C0001403|RN|C0518933||MTH|MTH||  
C0001403|RO|C0085860||MTH|MTH||  
C0001403|RO|C0546992|associated\_with|SNMI98|SNMI98||

C0001403|L0001403|S0010794|D000224|MN|MSH2001|C20.111.163|  
C0001403|L0001403|S0010794|D000224|MUI|MSH2001|M0000346|  
C0001403|L0001403|S0469271|DB-70620|SIC|SNMI98|255.4|  
C0001403|L0001403|S1619433|10013096|MPC|MDR33|10001390|



# Rows Remaining: MRREL, MRSAT

```
C0001403|PAR|C0004364|inverse_isa|MSH2001|MSH2001||  
C0001403|RB|C0001621||MTH|MTH||  
C0001403|RB|C0004364||CSP2001|CSP2001||  
C0001403|RN|C0518933||MTH|MTH||  
C0001403|RO|C0085860||MTH|MTH||
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C0001403|L0001403|S0010794|D000224|MN|MSH2001|C20.111.163|  
C0001403|L0001403|S0010794|D000224|MUI|MSH2001|M0000346|
```



# Changing Precedence

UMLS MetamorphoSys Configuration 2001AC

File Options Help

Files/Folders Sources Precedence Term Status

Select a single source whose terms you want to have the highest precedence, overriding the default. This will cause terms from this source to be used to represent the name of concepts in which they occur.

Select Highest Precedence Source

Full Source Name	Source Abbreviation	Term Type	
CRISP Thesaurus	CSP2001	ET	
COSTART	CST95	PT	88
COSTART	CST95	SC	277
COSTART	CST95	HT	278
COSTART	CST95	GT	279
Diseases Database 2000	ddb00	PT	50
Diseases Database 2000	ddb00	SY	51
German translation of MeSH	DMD2001	MH	301
German translation of MeSH	DMD2001	TQ	308
German translation of MeSH	DMD2001	SY	311
German translation of MeSH	DMD2001	EP	317
Internationale Klassifikation der Krankheiten 10 [...]	DMDICD	PT	338
Internationale Klassifikation der Krankheiten 10 [...]	DMDICD	HT	339
Die Nomenklatur fuer Medizinprodukte UMDNS [...]	DMDUMD	PT	318
Die Nomenklatur fuer Medizinprodukte UMDNS [...]	DMDUMD	ET	319
Die Nomenklatur fuer Medizinprodukte UMDNS [...]	DMDUMD	RT	320
DSM-III-R	DSM3R	PT	10
DSM-III-R	DSM3R	HT	101

Make COSTART the highest precedence source

# Preferred term changes from MeSH..

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C0001403|ENG|P|L0001403|VO|S0033587|Disease, Addison|0|
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C0001403|L0001403|S0010794|MSH2001|MH|D000224|0|
C0001403|L0001403|S0352253|CST95|GT|ADREN INSUFFIC|0|
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C0001403|L0001403|S0033587|MSH2001|PM|D000224|0|
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# ..to COSTART (CST95)

C0001403|ENG|P|L0001403|PE|S0352253|ADDISON'S DISEASE|0|  
C0001403|ENG|P|L0001403|VC|S0010794|Addison's Disease|0|  
C0001403|ENG|P|L0001403|VO|S0033587|Disease, Addison|0|

C0001403|L0001403|S0010794|MSH2001|MH|D000224|0|  
C0001403|L0001403|S0352253|CST95|GT|ADREN INSUFFIC|0|

C0001403|L0001403|S0033587|MSH2001|PM|D000224|0|



# TS, STT and LRL get recomputed

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C0001403|ENG|P|L0001403|VC|S0010794|Addison's Disease|0|  
C0001403|ENG|P|L0001403|VO|S0033587|Disease, Addison|0|

C0001403|L0001403|S0010794|MSH2001|MH|D000224|0|  
C0001403|L0001403|S0352253|CST95|GT|ADREN INSUFFIC|0|

C0001403|L0001403|S0033587|MSH2001|PM|D000224|0|



# Adding to default suppressibility

The screenshot shows the UMLS MetamorphoSys Configuration 2001AC application window. The title bar reads "UMLS MetamorphoSys Configuration 2001AC". The menu bar includes "File", "Options", and "Help". The tabs at the top are "Files/Folders", "Sources", "Precedence", and "Term Status", with "Sources" being the active tab. A message box displays instructions: "Please select one or more sources to remove from the UMLS Metathesaurus. For more info. on which categories of sources you might want to exclude consult the document. select additional rows, hold down the <Ctrl> key while you make your selection. selections to the default select "Reset Source Table Defaults" under the "Options" menu." A blue speech bubble points to the table below with the text "Retain all sources".

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AIR/RHEUM	AIR93	AIR	0
Alternative Billing Concepts	ALT2000	ALT	3
Alcohol and Other Drug Thesaurus	AOD99	AOD	0
Beth Israel Vocabulary	BI98	BI	2
Descritores em Ciencias da Saude.[Portuguese]	BRMP2001	MSH	3
Descriptores en Ciencias de la Salud [Spanish]	BRMS2001	MSH	3
Canonical Clinical Problem Statement System	CCPSS99	CCPSS	3
Clinical Classifications Software	CCS99	CCS	0
Current Dental Terminology (CDT2)	CDT2	HCPCS	3
COSTAR 1989	COS89	COS89	0
COSTAR 1992	COS92	COS92	0
COSTAR 1993	COS93	COS93	0
COSTAR 1995	COS95	COS95	0
Medical Entities Dictionary	CPM93	CPM	2
Current Procedural Terminology (CPT), Spanish	CPT01SP	CPT	3
Physicians' Current Procedural Terminology	CPT2001	CPT	3
CRISP Thesaurus	CSP2001	CSP	0
coctart	CST06	CST	0

# Adding to default suppressibility

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Keep default precedence

Select Highest Precedence Source

Full Source Name	Source Abbreviation	Term Type	Rank
UMLS Metathesaurus	MTH	PN	1
Medical Subject Headings	MSH2001	MH	2
Medical Subject Headings	MSH2001	HT	3
Medical Subject Headings	MSH2001	TQ	4
Medical Subject Headings	MSH2001	EP	5
Medical Subject Headings	MSH2001	EN	6
Medical Subject Headings	MSH2001	XQ	7
Medical Subject Headings	MSH2001	NM	8
DSM-IV	DSM4	PT	9
DSM-III-R	DSM3R	PT	10
SNOMED International	SNMI98	PT	11
SNOMED International	SNMI98	PX	12
SNOMED International	SNMI98	HT	13
SNOMED International	SNMI98	HX	14
First DataBank National Drug Data File	NDDF00	CD	15
First DataBank National Drug Data File	NDDF00	IN	16
First DataBank Master Drug Data Base	MDDB99	CD	17
MicroMedex DRUGDEX	MMV00	CD	18

# Adding to default suppressibility

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File Options Help

Files/Folders Sources Precedence Term Status

Select one or more source and term type combinations that you wish to make suppressible.  
To select additional rows hold down the <Ctrl> key while you make your selection.  
To reset selections to the default select "Reset Term Status Table Defaults" under the "Options" menu.

Select One or More Suppressible Term Types

Full Source Name	Source Abbreviation	Term Type
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Russian translation of MeSH	RUS2001	SY
SNOMED-2	SNM2	HT
SNOMED-2	SNM2	PT
SNOMED-2	SNM2	RT
SNOMED-2	SNM2	SX
SNOMED International	SNMI98	A
SNOMED International	SNMI98	H
SNOMED International	SNMI98	P
SNOMED International	SNMI98	PA
SNOMED International	SNMI98	RT
SNOMED International	SNMI98	SX
SNOMED International	SNMI98	SY
Standard Product Nomenclature	SPN99	PT
Metathesaurus Source Terminology Names	SRC	AB
Metathesaurus Source Terminology Names	SRC	HT

Add new suppressible term type

# Adding to default suppressibility

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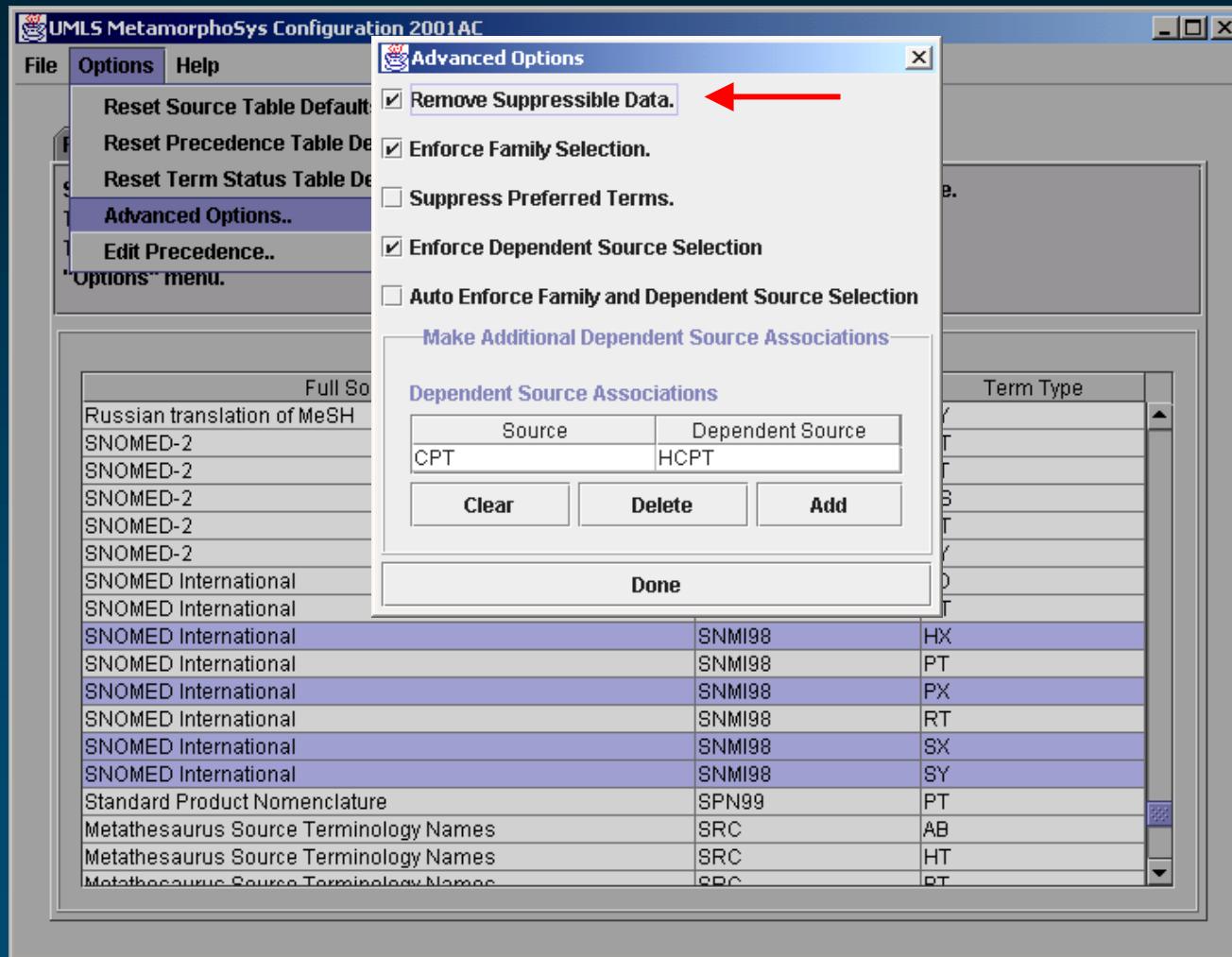
# TS goes from “S” to “S”

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C0001403 ENG P L0001403 VC S0352253 ADDISON'S DISEASE 0
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C0001403 L0373744 S0471237 SNMI98 SY DB-70620 3



# Removing suppressible data



# Then, associated data are removed

```
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C0001403|ENG|P|L0001403|VO|S0033587|Disease, Addison|0|
C0001403|ENG|P|L0001403|VO|S0469271|Addison's disease, NOS|3|
```

```
C0001403|L0001403|S0010794|MSH2001|MH|D000224|0|
C0001403|L0001403|S0352253|CST95|GT|ADREN INSUFFIC|0|
C0001403|L0001403|S0352253|WHO97|IT|0410|2|
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```



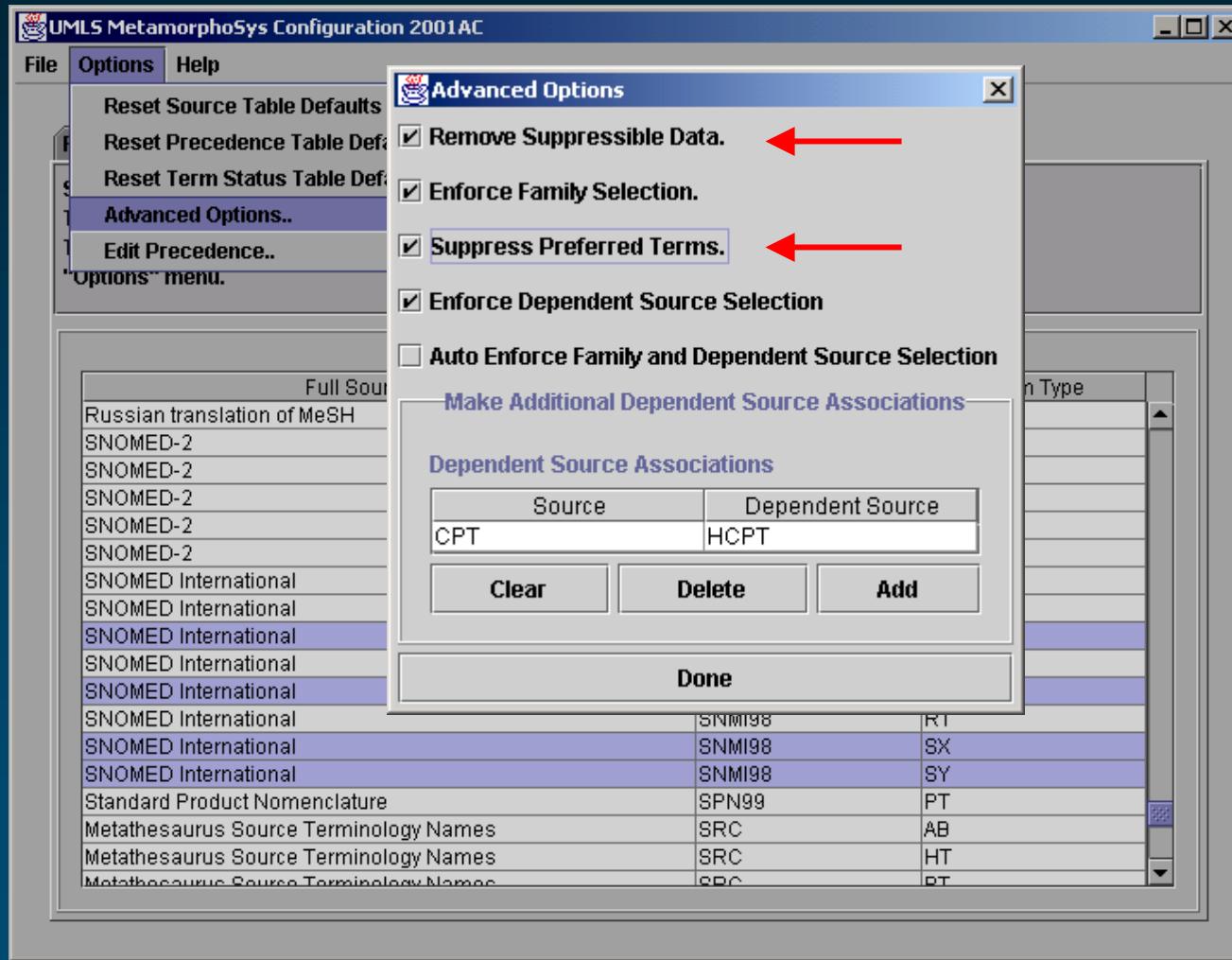
# However, what if?

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- ◆ Preferred name of concept comes from a suppressible source, term type?
- ◆ Concept needs a name, so the TS=P, STT=PF row is retained (there is no TS="p")



# However, if both are selected..



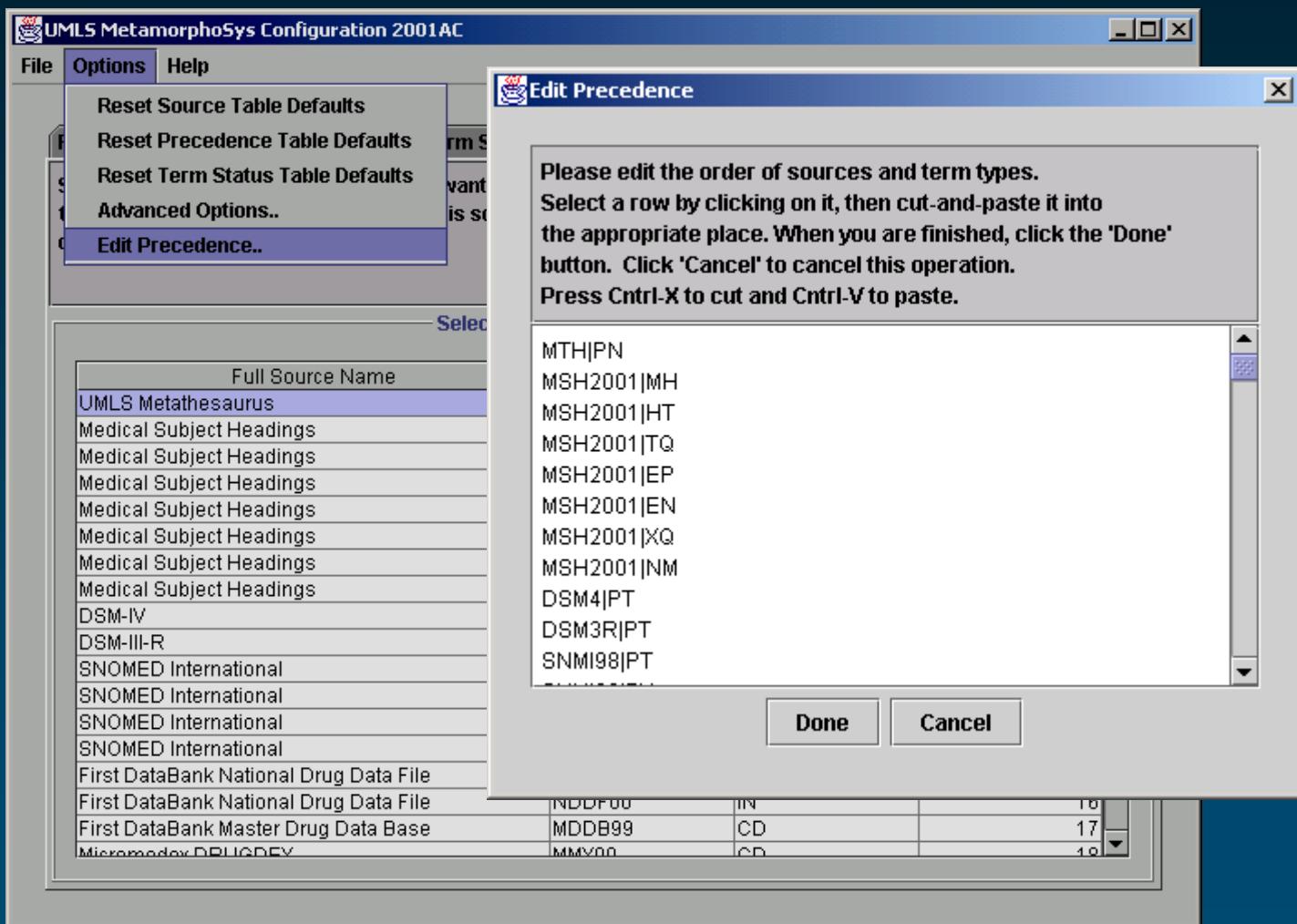
..and

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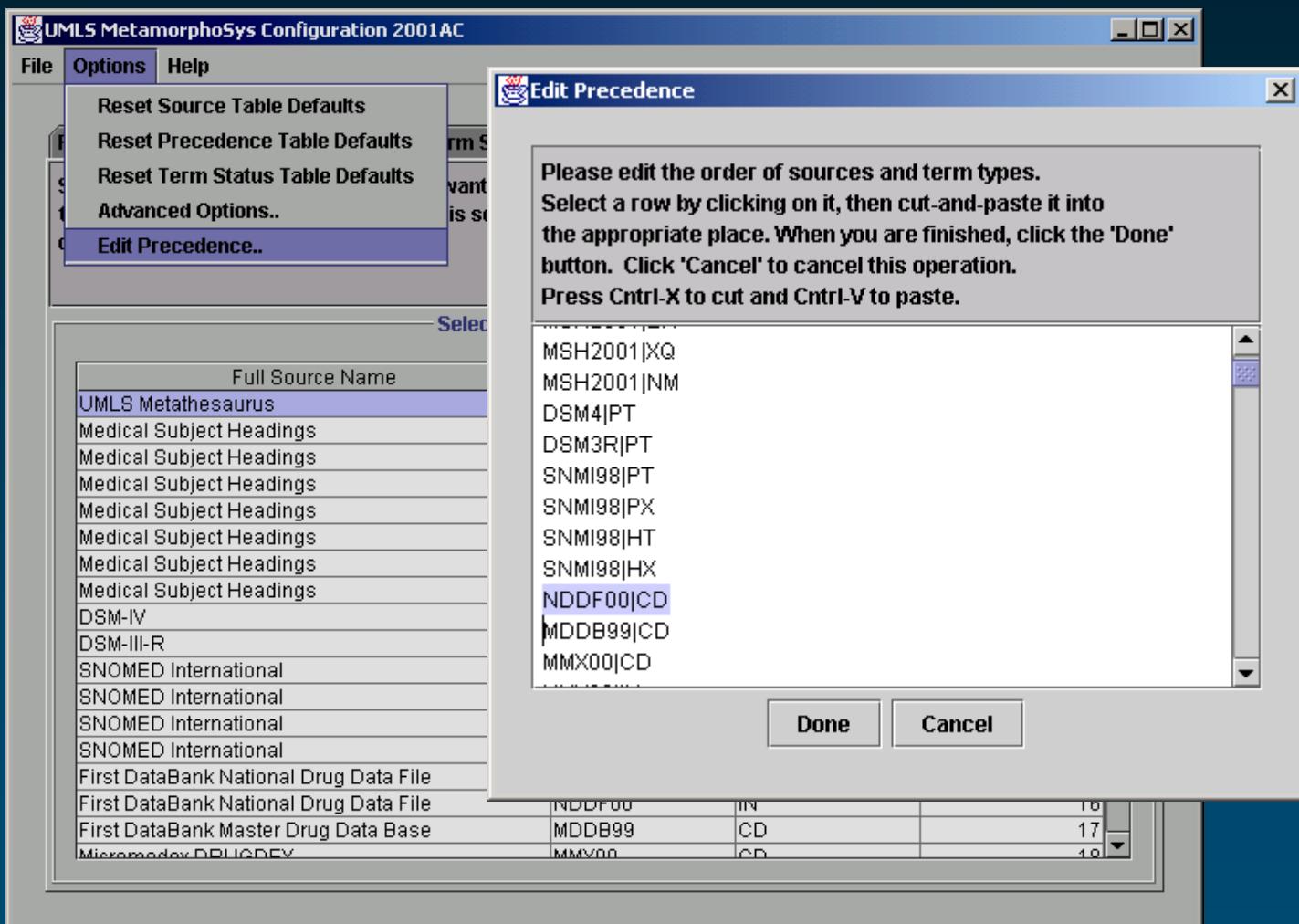
- ◆ No other MRCON rows, or remaining MRCON rows are all suppressible,
- ◆ Then the entire concept is removed from the Metathesaurus (all files)



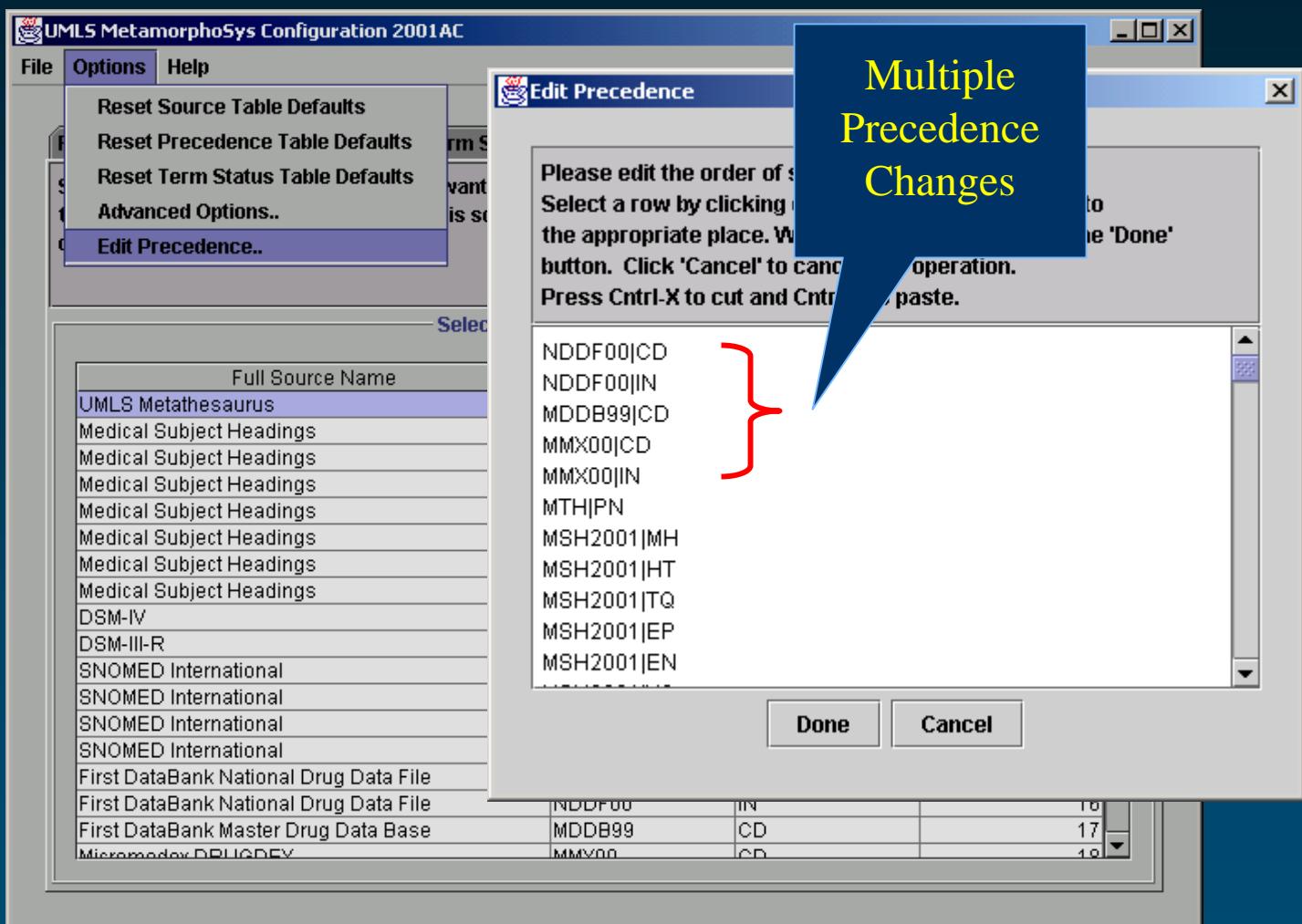
# Editing precedence



# Cut and Paste SAB/TYY



...to result in



# General comments on MetamorphoSys

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- ◆ MetamorphoSys is configured to run with a specific release from its install directory – its use with other releases will cause unpredictable results
- ◆ MetamorphoSys propagates string-level suppressibility created and maintained by editors
- ◆ MetamorphoSys writes a log file (mmsys.log) in the subset directory that contains information about how that subset was generated
- ◆ STT computation better for some variants, still incomplete variants (e.g., VS) that need LVG



# MetamorphoSys Configuration

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- ◆ Program maintains the configuration as Java properties file
- ◆ **Do not** edit this file
- ◆ Can be saved for future runs
  - Default (*mmsys.prop.default*) should not be deleted
- ◆ Configuration is generic
  - Can be ported across versions of UMLS
  - Tied to source families, not just specific SABs
- ◆ All settings are saved (precedence, suppressibility)



# Looking Ahead

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- ◆ MetamorphoSys will become the “install” program for the UMLS Metathesaurus
- ◆ Customization by any axis: source, relationships, attributes
- ◆ Variety of output formats will be possible (Relational, XML, Atomic)
- ◆ MetamorphoSys will be able to act as an update client for the Metathesaurus



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# Beyond source-based customization

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- ◆ More customization possible  
**but**
  - No tool available
  - Fits one specific purpose
  - Not necessarily useful for other purposes
  - No longer comparable with the original
  - New versions of the Metathesaurus need to be customized again

Using a model of the differences helps apply the customization systematically and effectively



# Beyond source-based customization

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- ◆ Strings
- ◆ Synonyms
- ◆ Relationships: 3 different approaches
  - Semantic approach
  - Structural approach
  - Statistical approach
- ◆ Concept spaces



# Overview of each section

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- ◆ Background
- ◆ Motivation
- ◆ Methods
- ◆ Example of use
- ◆ Discussion
  - Limitations
  - Alternative approaches



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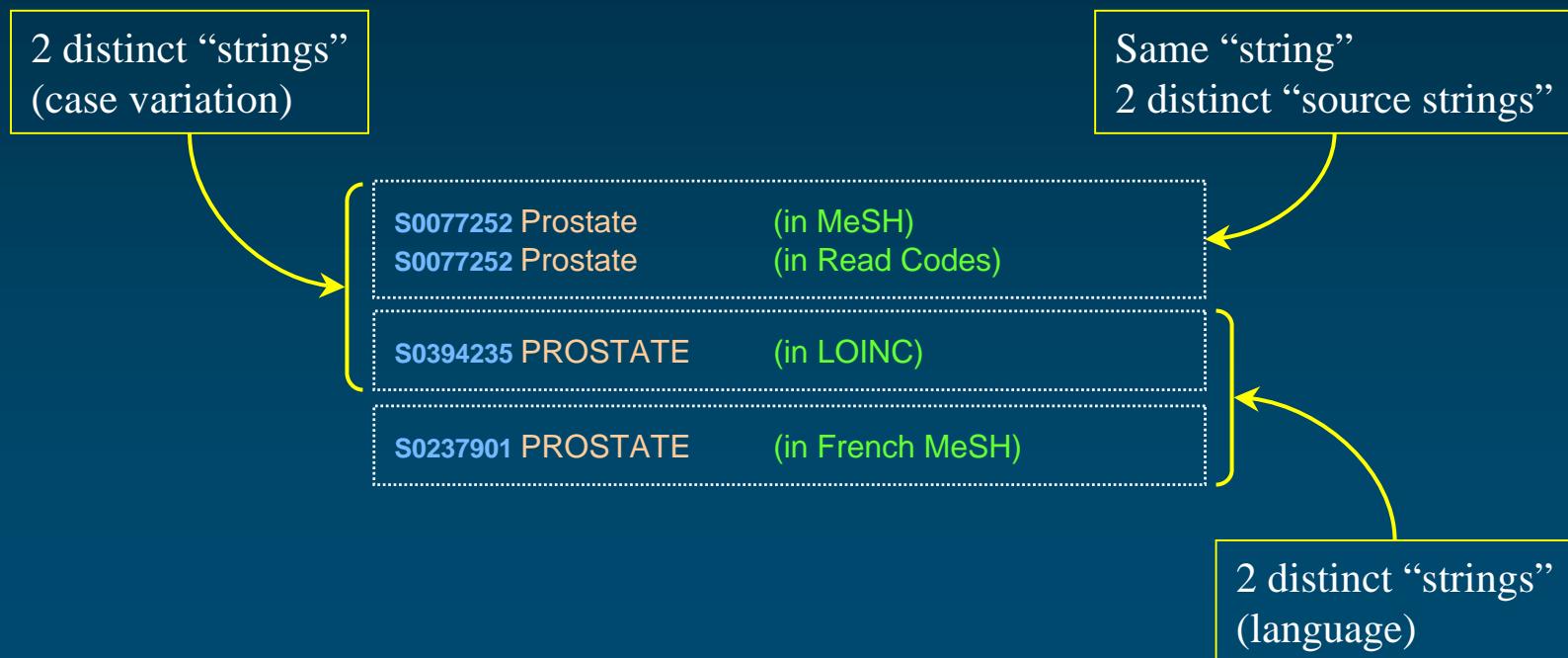
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# Background Strings

- ◆ Located in MRCON
- ◆ 1.9 million “source strings”



# Background String attributes

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- ◆ Language
- ◆ Preferred name in a source
- ◆ Lexical variants (case, inflection, word order, ...)
- ◆ Other variants
  - Underspecification marker (Other, NOS)
  - Classification-specific marker (NEC)



# Background More string attributes

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- ◆ Source
- ◆ Term type (= type of string in a given source)
- ◆ Code in a given source
- ◆ Source-specific attributes
  - MN: Position in the hierarchy (MeSH)
  - SIC: ICD-9-CM code mapped to (SNOMED)
  - LFR: French name for a LOINC term
  - ICN: ICD-9-CM coding information
  - [...]



# Background Implicit string attributes

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- ◆ Number of (families of) source vocabularies providing the string
- ◆ Presence in a target corpus



# Motivation

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- ◆ Reduce volume
- ◆ Select useful strings for natural language processing
- ◆ Select target-specific strings
- ◆ Filter out
  - Source-specific strings (e.g., truncated strings)
  - Purpose-specific strings (e.g., classification-specific strings, inverted terms)



# Methods

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- ◆ Identify string properties
- ◆ Combine the properties in order to create filters



# Methods Identify string properties (1)

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- ◆ Properties based on morphology  
(identified through regular expressions)
  - `/,/` for inverted terms 238,000
  - `/[0-9]/` for strings containing digits 376,000
  - `/^other|not elsewhere classified|NEC|without mention/` for classification feature 28,000
  - [...]
  - Number of words in the string



# Methods Identify string properties (2)

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## ◆ Properties based on UMLS features



- Redundancy: Number of (families of) source vocabularies providing this string 95,000
- Term type (MRSO/TTY)
  - Chemical names 318,000
  - Branded drug names or supplies 62,000
  - Abbreviations and truncated strings 126,000
  - [...]

## ◆ Properties based on a corpus

- e.g., strings found in MEDLINE 144,000



# Methods Combine properties

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- ◆ Using logical operators (AND, OR, NOT)
- ◆ 2 approaches
  - *A priori* model of the strings in a given context
  - Classification techniques against a target
- ◆ Traditional sensitivity/specifity balance
- ◆ e.g.: select English strings
  - Excluding chemical names
  - Excluding inverted terms
  - Found in more than one source vocabulary



# Example of use

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- ◆ Select UMLS strings useful for natural language processing

McCray A.T, Bodenreider O., Malley, J.D., Browne A.C.

*Evaluating UMLS strings for natural language processing.*

Proc AMIA Fall Symp. 2001 (in press) [S31 - Monday 2:00pm]



	STR	NB_WORDS	ALLCAPS_ALWAYS	ALL_CLSP	ALL_UNSP	ANY_PARENTHETICAL	CT_COMMASPACE	CT_NON_ALPHANUM	CT_NUMBERS	CT_PUNCTUATION	CT_SYMBOLS	MI_AND_OR	NB_SOURCES	SUPPRESSIBLE_ALWAYS	TTY_LOINC	TTY_METADATA	TTY_PHRASE	TTY_PRESCRIPTION	TTY_SHORT_FORM
ADDISON DISEASE ✓		2											3						
Addison melanoderma		2											1						
Addisons Disease		2											2						
Addison's disease ✓		2											8						
Addison's disease NOS		3		x									1						
Addison's disease, NOS		3	x		x	x	x						1						
ADRENAL INSUFFICIENCY (ADDISON'S DISEASE)		4	x		x	x	x						1						
ADRENOCORTICAL INSUFFICIENCY, PRIMARY FAILURE		4	x		x	x	x						1						
Asthenia pigmentosa		2											1						
Bronzed disease		2											1						
DISEASE ADDISON'S		2	x										1						
Disease, Addison ✓		2				x	x						1						
Disease, Addisons		2				x	x						1						
Disease, Addison's ✓		2				x	x						1						
Disease;Addisons		2				x		x		x			1						
Melasma addisonii		2											1						
Primary adrenal deficiency		3											1						
Primary adrenocortical insuff		3										x	1	x					x
Primary adrenocortical insufficiency ✓		3										2							

# Discussion

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- ◆ Restricting to a given language is easier done through sources
- ◆ Filtering out strings may result in removing concepts
- ◆ Term status is relative to the preferred name, but does not identify the canonical form



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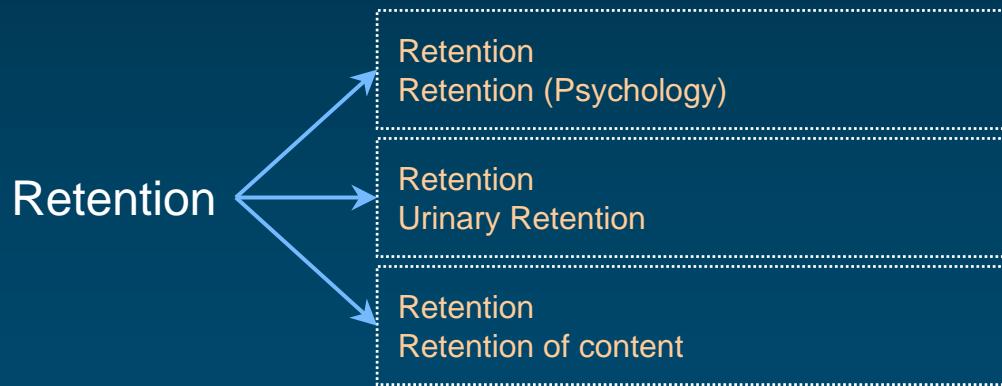
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# Background

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- ◆ Metathesaurus concepts are clusters of synonymous terms
- ◆ Polysemous terms may appear in more than one concept



# Background

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- ◆ Metathesaurus synonymy  
is not necessarily  
linguistic synonymy
  - Not fully specified terms

- Granularity issues
- Generic / prototypical

Prostate ✓ Prostatic gland	(in MeSH)
prostate ✗ Prostatic Diseases	(in COSTAR)
Prostate ✗ Benign neoplasm of prostate	(in ICD-10)
Posttransfusion hepatitis Posttransfusion viral hepatitis	
Asplenia Congenital asplenia	



# Background

## Myocardial Infarction

- ◆ Additionally, Metathesaurus synonyms include
  - Translated terms
  - Lexical variants
  - Acronyms
  - Various kinds of terms (truncated, obsolete, ...) as provided by source vocabularies

Infarctus du myocarde	(French)
Myocardinfarkt	(German)

Myocardial Infarctions	(plural)
Infarction, Myocardial	(permutation)
Infarctions (Myocardial)	(parentheses)

MI	
MI - Myocardial infarction	



# Background

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- ◆ Some vocabularies implement their own notion of “synonymy”

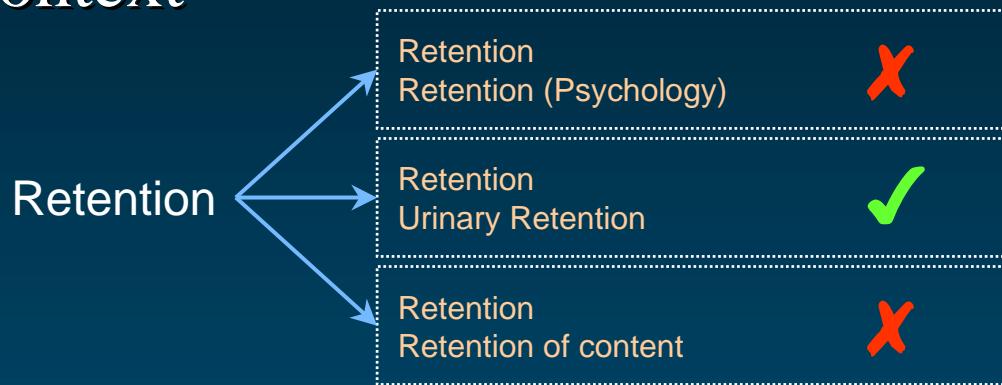
depression and suicide	(preferred term)
suicide and depression	(synonym)
depression	(synonym)
suicide	(synonym)
cancer patients and suicide and depression	(synonym)
cancer patients and depression and suicide	(synonym)



# Motivation

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- ◆ Associate the right meaning with a string in a given context



- ◆ From the several strings associated with a meaning, select the most appropriate ones in a given context



# Methods Associate the right meaning

- ◆ Use the “suppressible synonym” flag
  - Identifies not fully specified names
  - A fully specified name usually exists among the synonyms (sometimes created by NLM)
- ◆ Restrict the domain
  - In order to limit polysemy
  - Implies
    - A priori knowledge
    - Interaction with users
- ◆ Word sense disambiguation research area

Retention	Mental Process
Retention (Psychology)	
Retention	Disease or Syndrome
Urinary Retention	Sign or Symptom
Retention	Functional Concept
Retention of content	



# Methods Most appropriate strings

- ◆ Recognize and filter out lexical variants

- Canonical form
- Normalization



- ◆ Filter against a corpus

- To find the most common form  
in your target

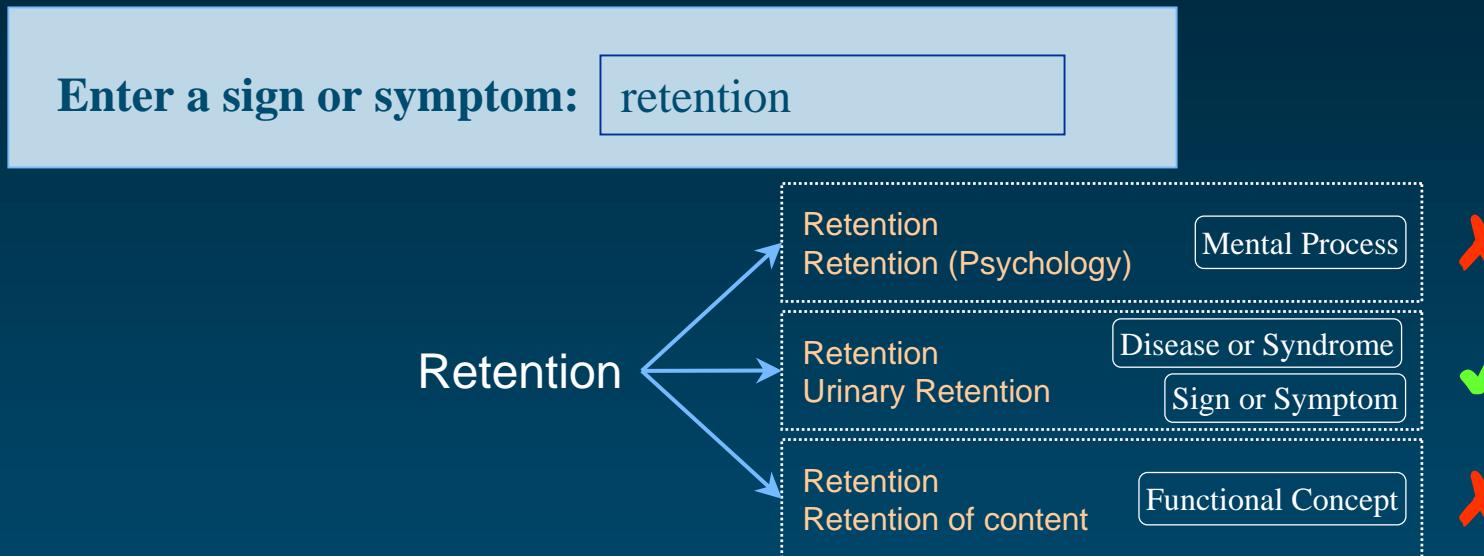
MEDLINE 1999

Fallen arch	
Fallen arches	
Flat foot NOS	
Flat Feet	✓
Flatfeet	✓
Flatfoot	✓
Foot, Flat	
Low medial arch of foot	
Pes Planus	✓
Pes planovalgus	✓
Pes valgus	✓



# Example of use

- ◆ Disambiguate according to the context



- ◆ Filter redundant lexical variants from a list of terms in a Metathesaurus concept



# Discussion

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- ◆ Word sense disambiguation
  - Never trivial
  - Still open research area (linguistics)
  - Often involves statistical analysis of the context
- ◆ The Metathesaurus partially addresses the issue of not fully specified terms



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# Customize relationships

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- ◆ With reference to the Semantic Network  
(semantic approach)
- ◆ Hierarchical relationships  
(structural approach)
- ◆ Co-occurrences  
(statistical approach)

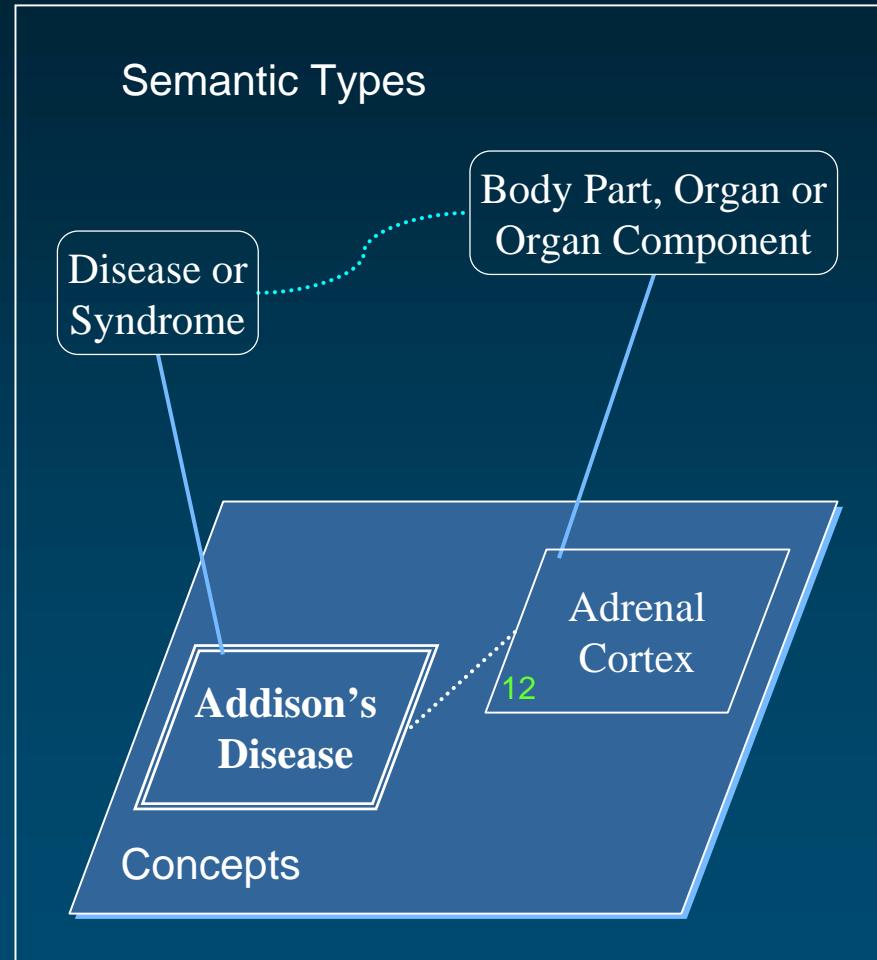


# Customize Relationships

① Semantic Approach

# Background UMLS structure (nodes)

- ◆ Two-level structure
  - Semantic Network  
(134 semantic types)
  - Metathesaurus  
(800,000 concepts)



# Background UMLS structure (links)

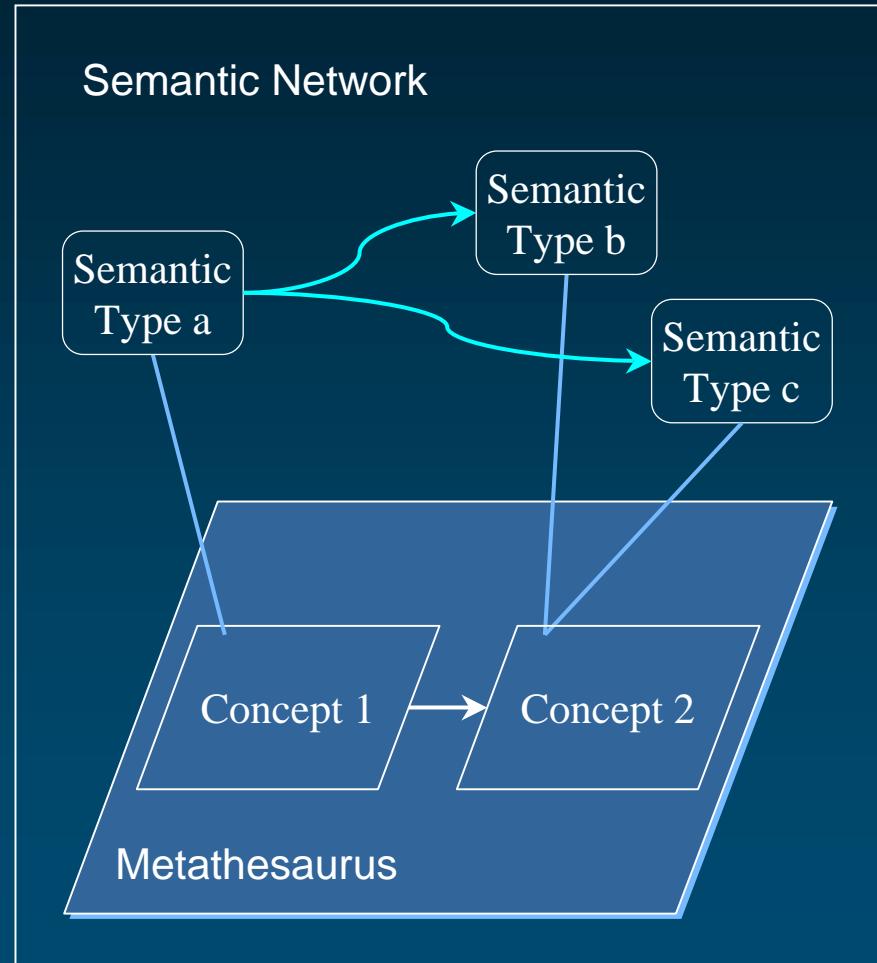
- ◆ Semantic network relationships



- ◆ Categorization



- ◆ Interconcept relationships



# Background UMLS structure (links)

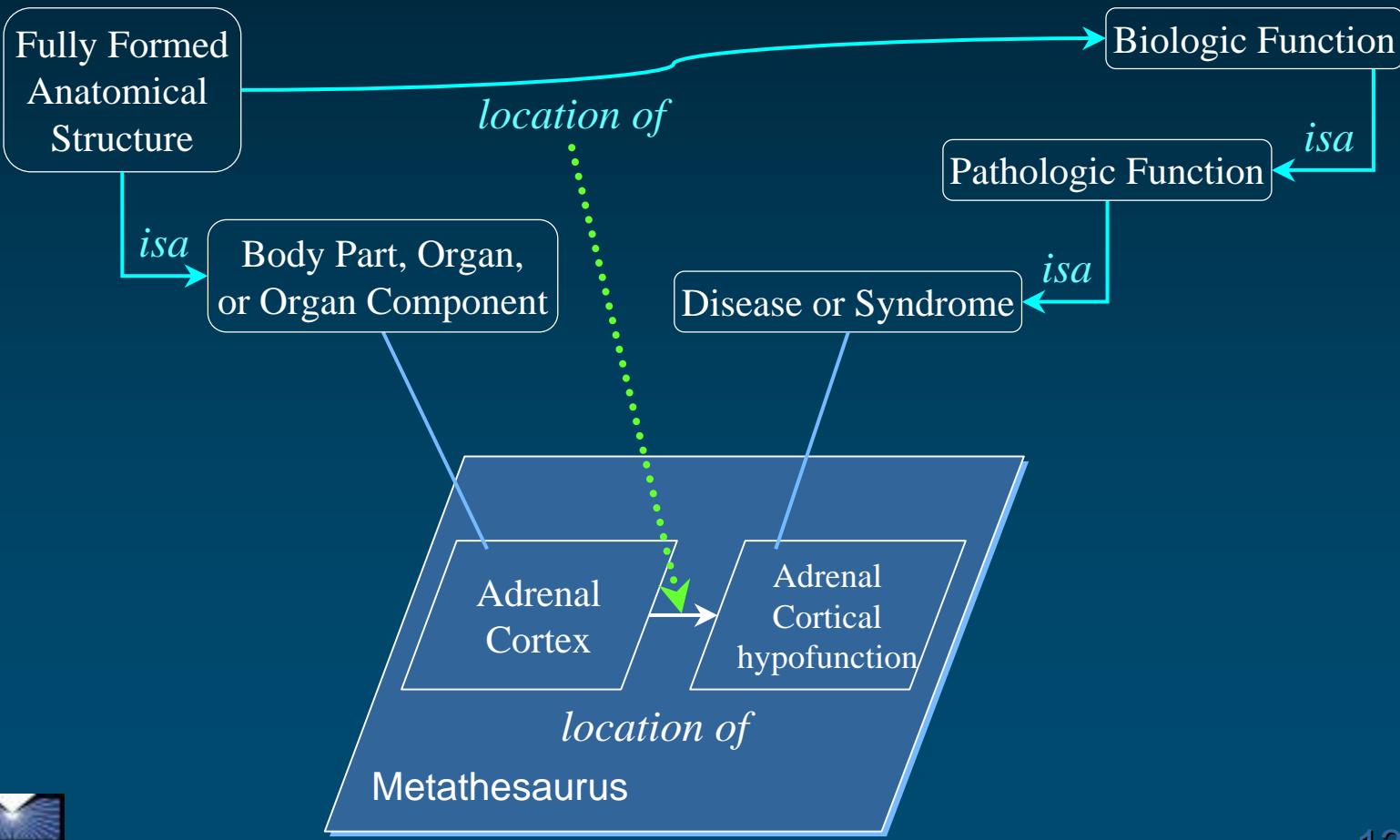
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- ◆ Semantic network relationships
  - Hierarchical or associative
  - General (definitional) knowledge
  - May or may not hold at the concept level
- ◆ Categorization
  - Links each concept to (at least) one broad category
  - Either *isa* or *is an instance of* relationships
- ◆ Interconcept relationships
  - Hierarchical, associative or statistical
  - Factual knowledge



# Relationships can inherit semantics

Semantic Network



# Motivation

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- ◆ Check the consistency of the two levels
  - Semantic network
  - Metathesaurus
- ◆ Check the consistency between
  - Semantic network relationships
  - Interconcept relationships
- ◆ Discrepancies may indicate
  - Inaccurate relationship
  - Inaccurate categorization



# Motivation

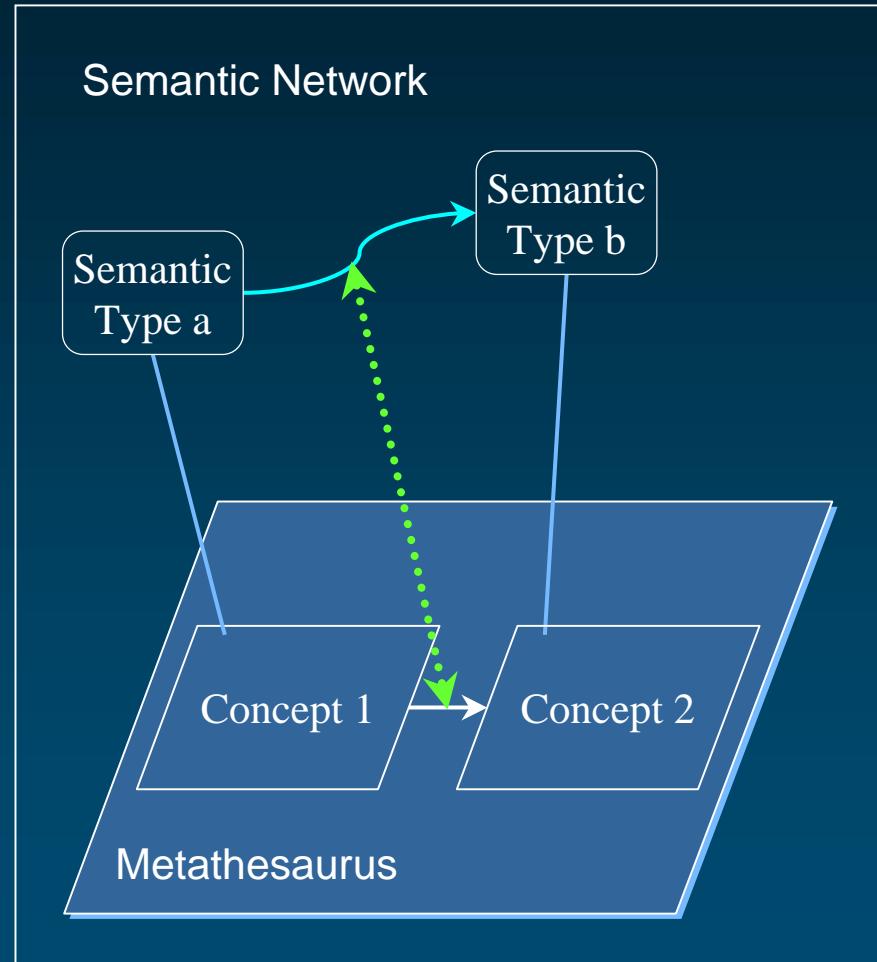
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- ◆ More generally
  - The Semantic Network represents some kind of upper-level ontology of the biomedical domain
  - The organization of Metathesaurus concepts
    - is *expected* to be compatible with the upper level
    - is *required* to be compatible with the upper level if reasoning is to be supported



# Methods

- ◆ For each pair of related concepts
  - Get their semantic types
  - Get all the “expanded” semantic network
- ☀ relationships between the two semantic types (transitive closure)
  - Compare
    - Interconcept relationship
    - Sem. Net. relationships



# Methods

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## ◆ Possible outcome

- ICR = SNR → validate
- ICR descendant of SNR → validate
- ICR and SNR not compatible → reject
- Unspecified ICR (no RELA) → infer/reject
- ICR not in the Semantic Network

ICR: Inter-concept relationship

SNR: Semantic Network relationship



# Example of use

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- ◆ Validate, infer or reject interconcept relationships by comparison to the relationships defined between the semantic types assigned to the concepts

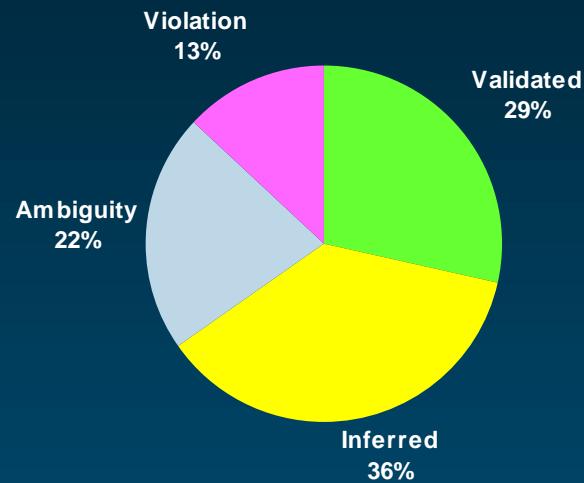
McCray A.T, Bodenreider O.  
A conceptual framework for the biomedical domain.  
in Sung, M. and Green, R. eds. *Semantics of Relationships*,  
Kluwer, 2001, (in press).



# Example of use Results

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- ◆ 6894 interconcept relationships
  - among the 3764 concepts in the semantic neighborhood of “Heart”



# Discussion

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- ◆ Interconcept relationships recorded in the Metathesaurus are not censored
- ◆ The Semantic Network
  - Provides semantic constraints
  - Can be used to select Metathesaurus relationships that are “semantically sound”
- ◆ Limitations
  - Ambiguous SN relationships
  - Unspecified Metathesaurus relationships
  - Need for some manual review

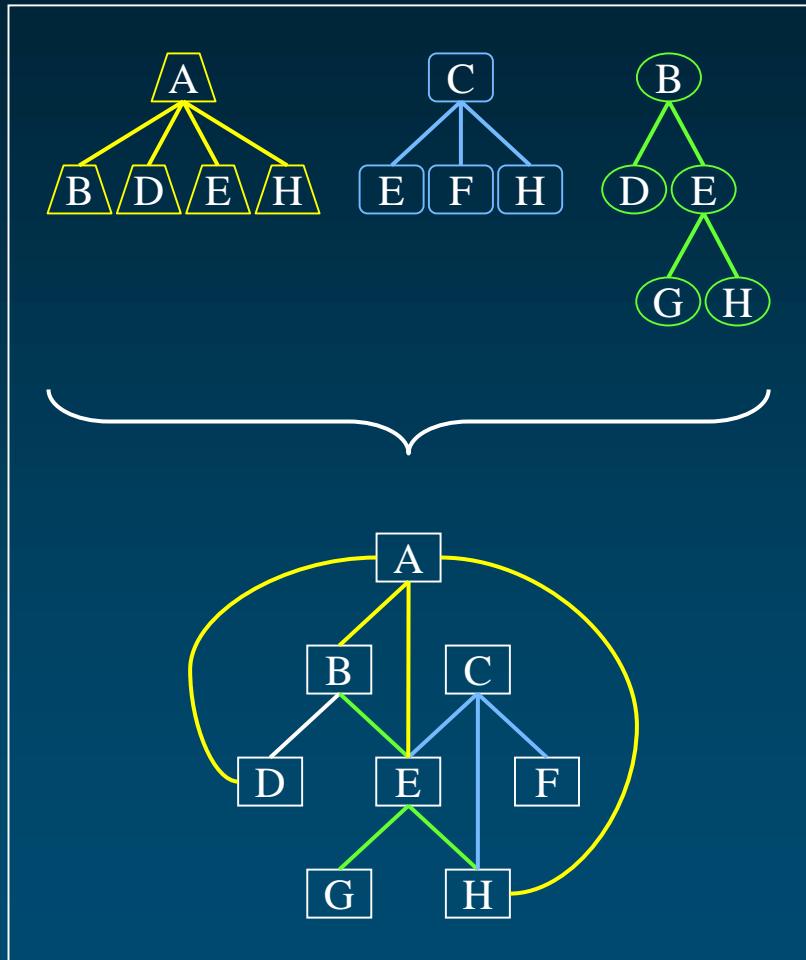


# Customize Relationships

## ② Structural Approach

# Background

- ◆ The Metathesaurus is often seen as a bunch of trees
- ◆ Trees can be combined into a (directed) graph
- ◆ Hierarchies (esp. taxonomies) are based on partial ordering relationship
- ◆ Hierarchical relationships in the Metathesaurus are expected to result in a Directed Acyclic Graph (DAG)



# SNOMED International tree

Diseases/Diagnoses

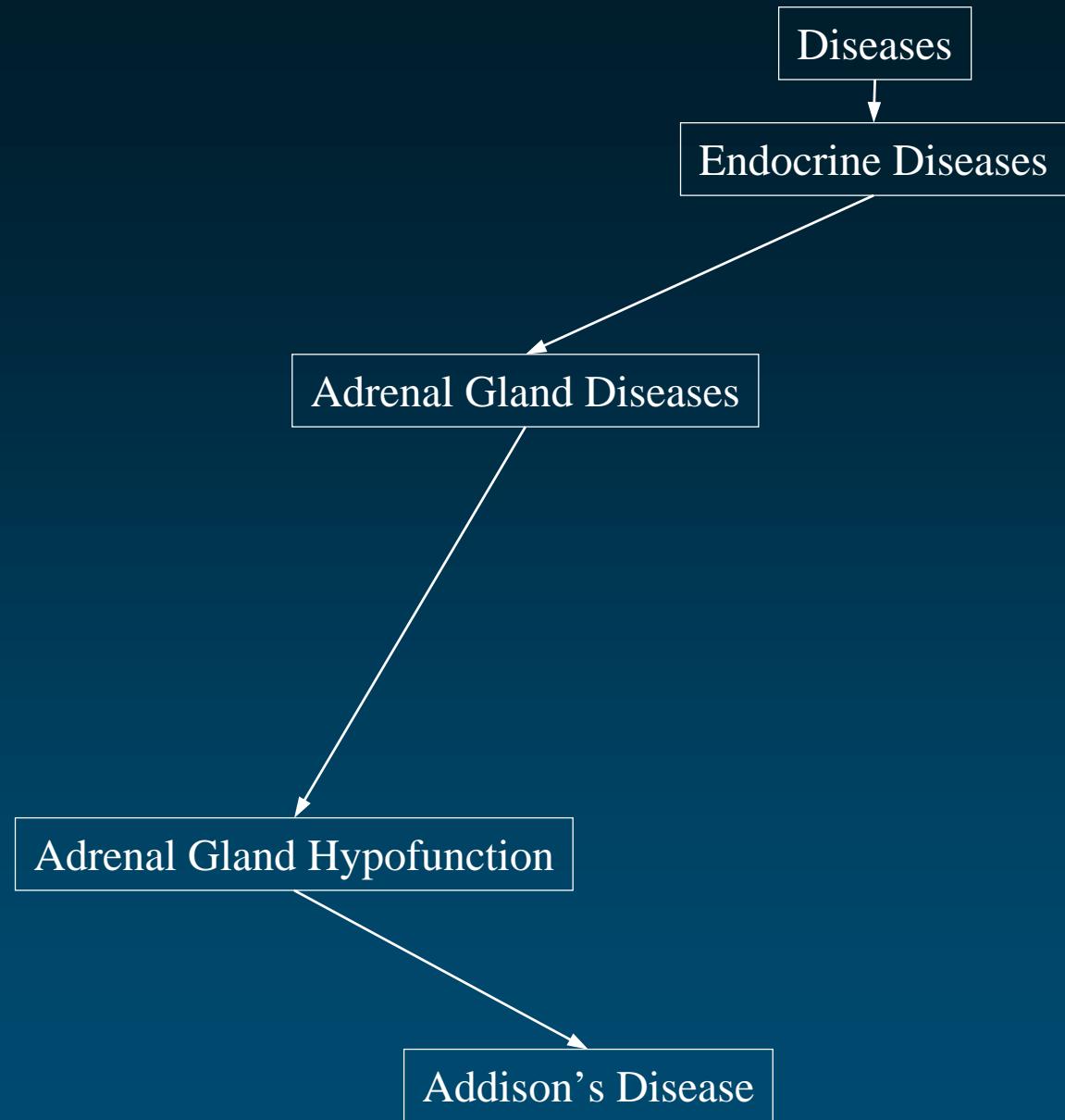
Diseases of the endocrine system

Diseases of the Adrenal Glands

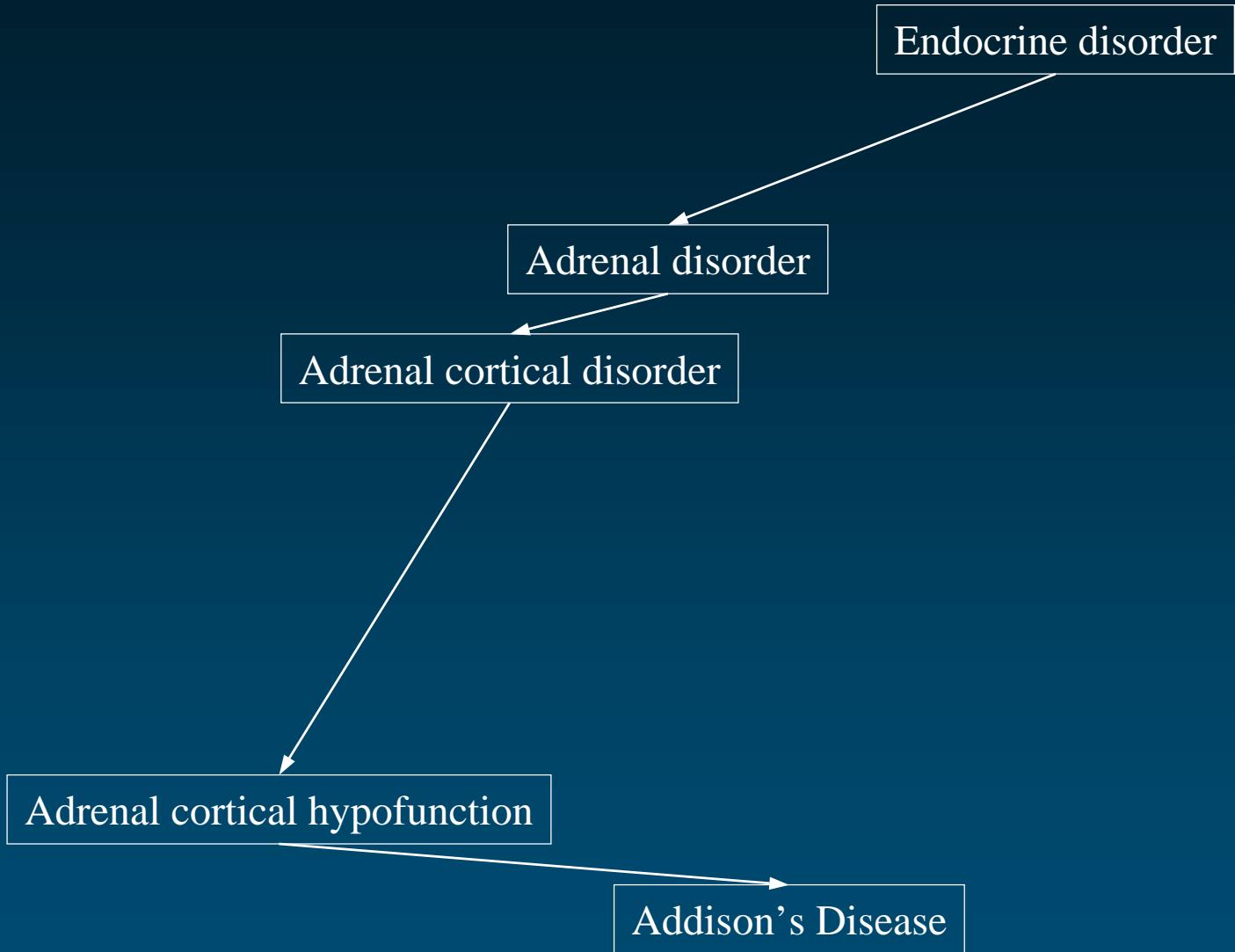
Addison's Disease



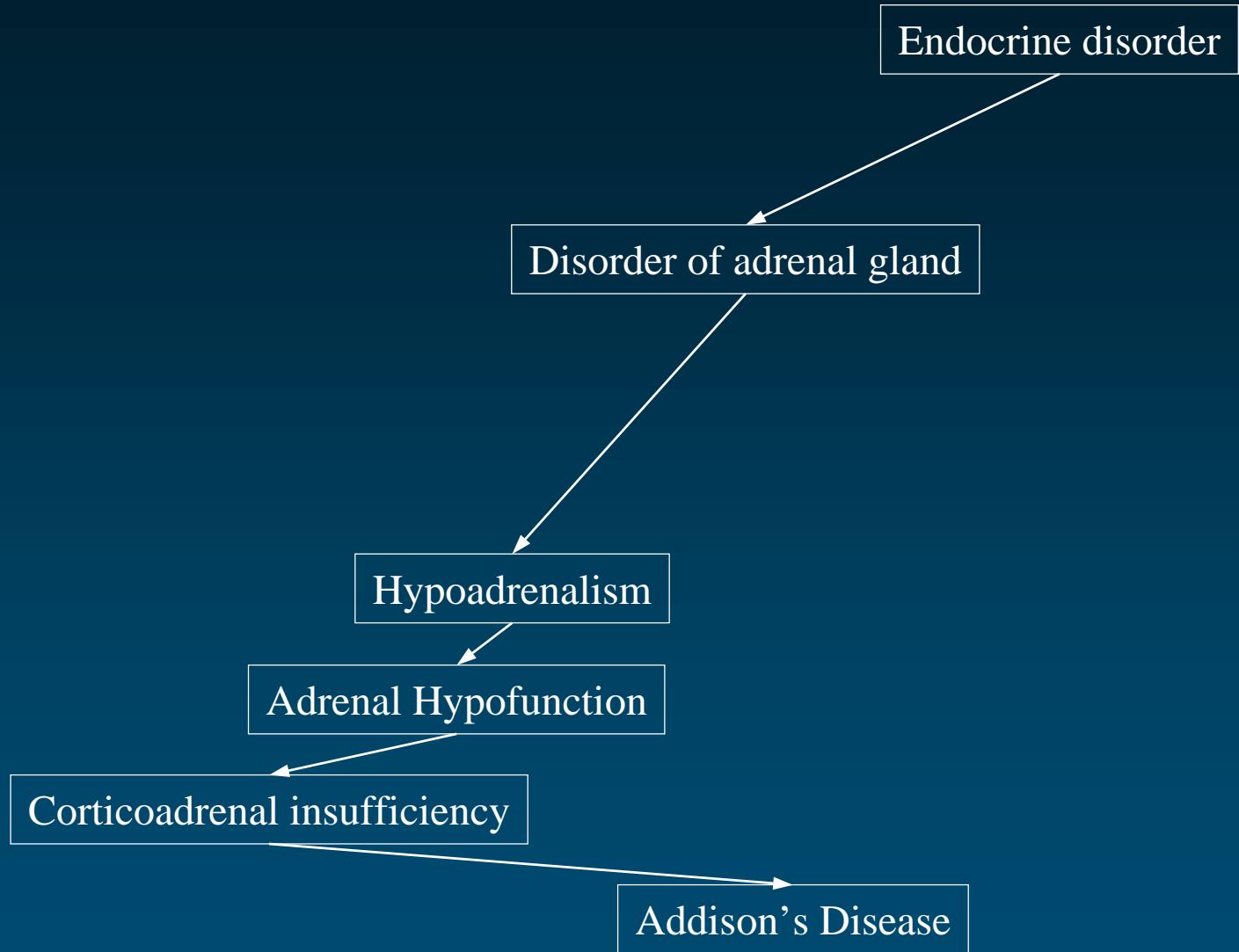
## MeSH tree



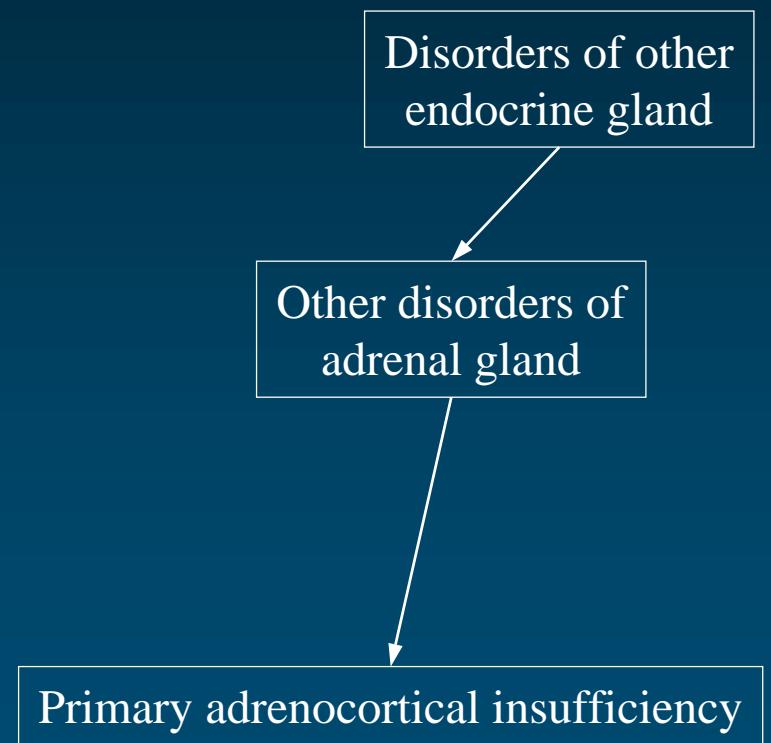
## AOD tree



## Read Codes tree



# ICD-10 tree



# Metathesaurus graph

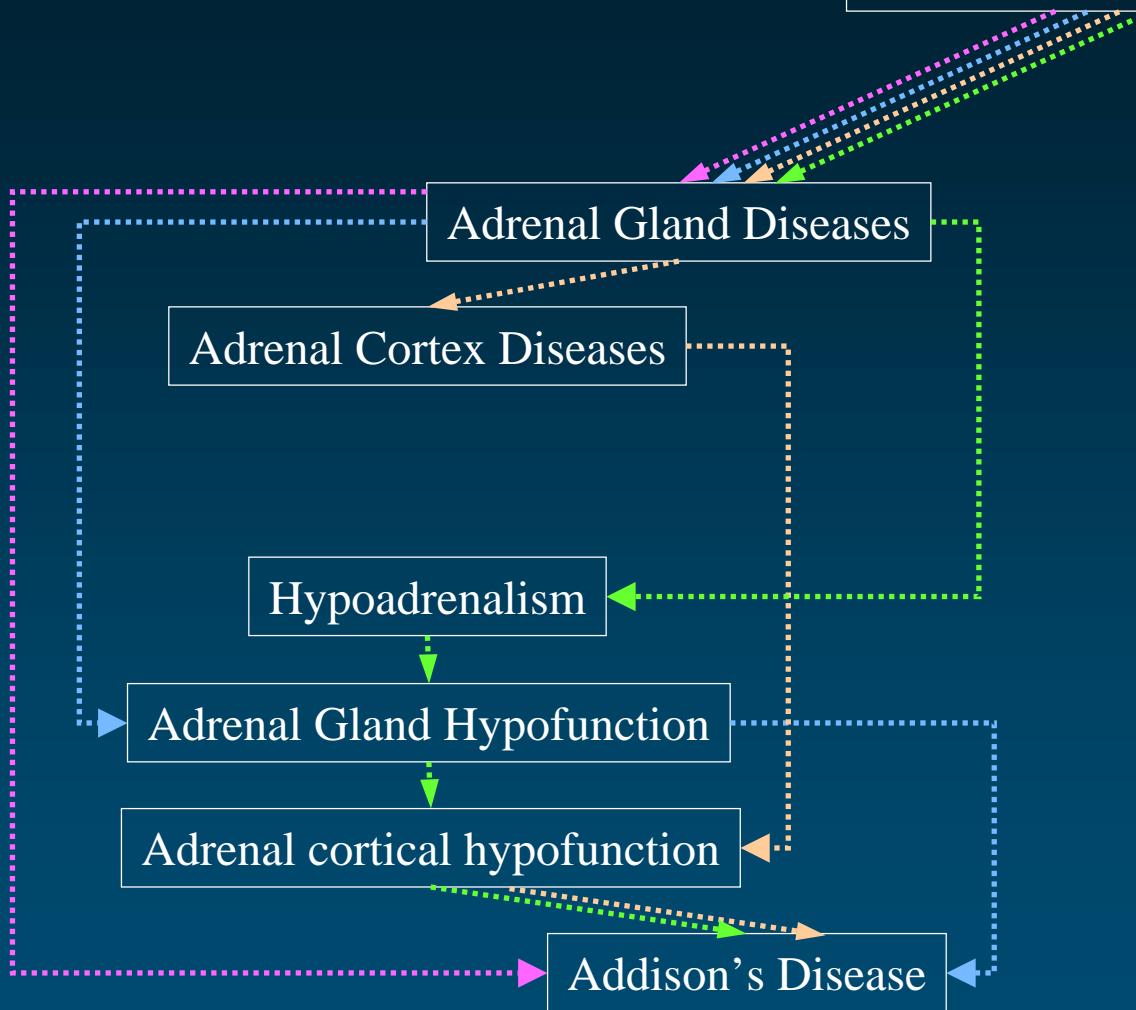
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MeSH

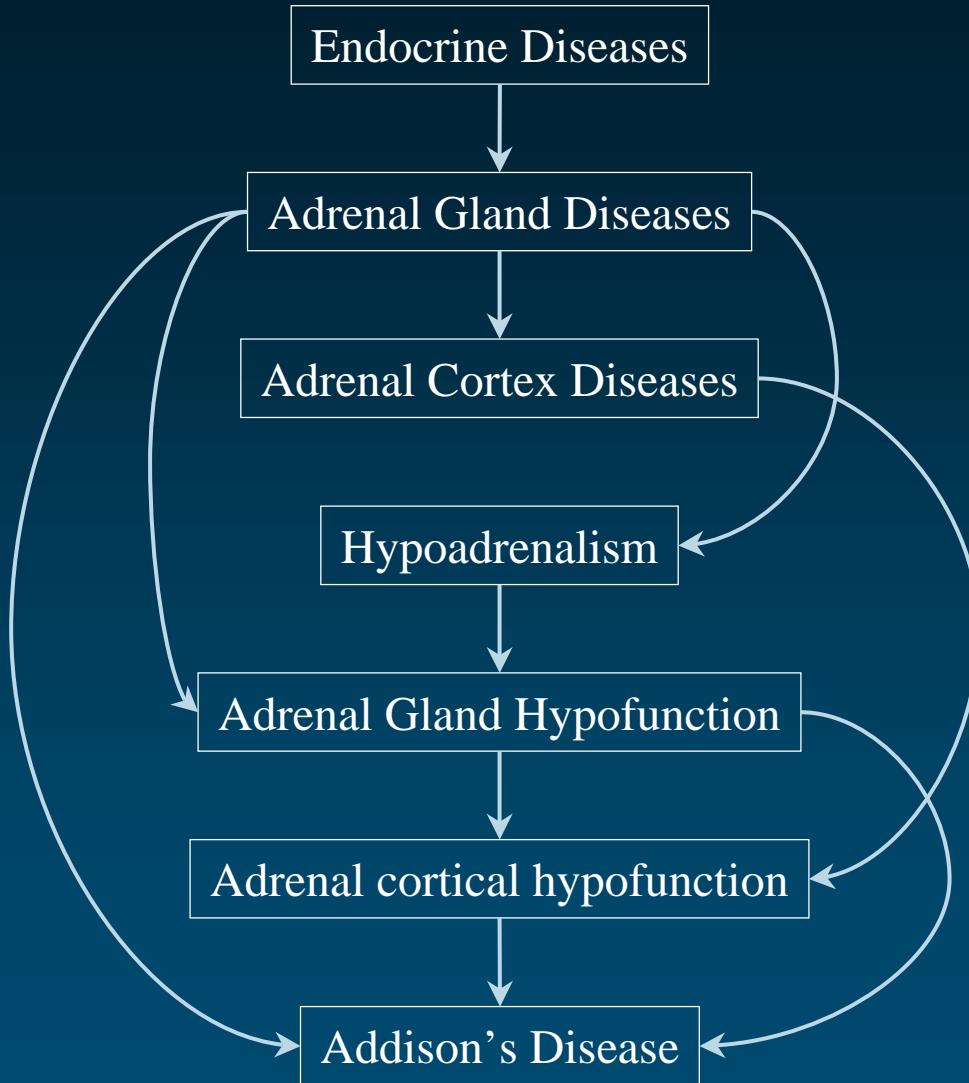
AOD

Read Codes

Endocrine Diseases

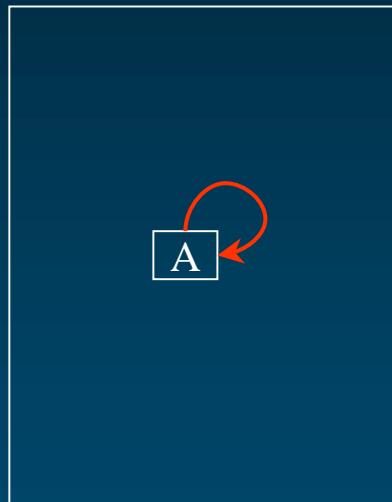


# Metathesaurus graph

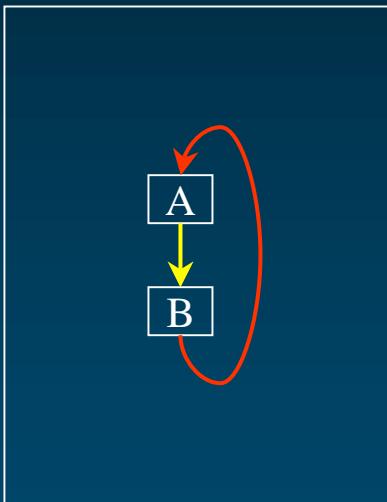


# Circular hierarchical relationships

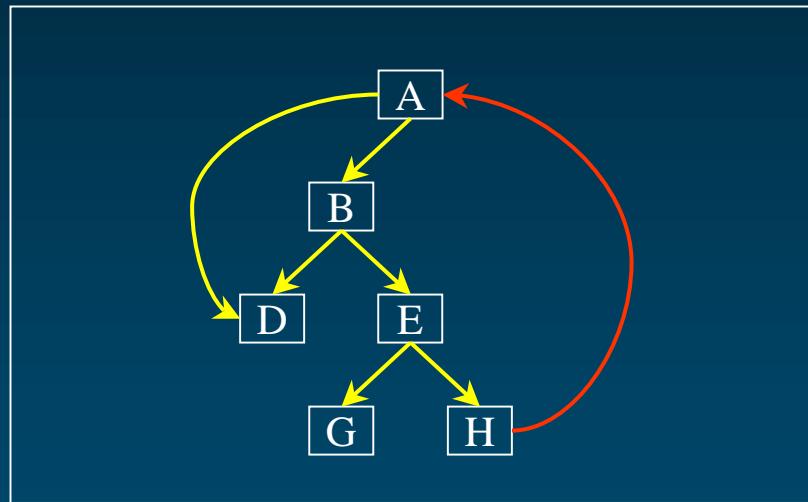
“back edge” from a child concept to a parent concept



Reflexive



Direct



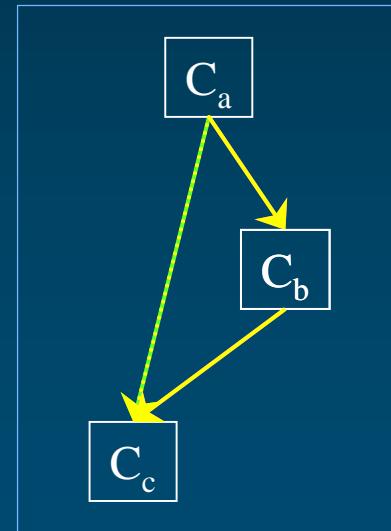
Indirect



# Motivation

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- ◆ Circular hierarchical relationships are indicative of potential semantic issues
  - Wrong relationships
  - Non-hierarchical “hierarchical” relationships
- ◆ Some graph operations cannot be performed unless graph is acyclic
  - Transitive reduction



# Methods

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- ◆ Identify cycles
  - Reflexive: CUI1 = CUI2
  - Direct: CUI1|PAR/RB|CUI2 and CUI1|CHD/RN|CUI2
  - Indirect: graph analysis (depth-first search)
- ◆ Break cycles
  - Reflexive: remove all (or ignore)
  - Direct: remove (at least) one of the two links
    - Contexts (original trees), redundancy
  - Indirect: remove (at least) one link
    - Manual review



# Example of use

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- ◆ Create an acyclic Metathesaurus
- ◆ Removed
  - 13,000 reflexive relationships
  - 1800 direct relationships
  - 120 indirect relationships

Bodenreider O.

*Circular Hierarchical Relationships in the UMLS: Etiology,  
Diagnosis, Treatment, Complications and Prevention.*

Proc AMIA Fall Symp. 2001 (in press) [S78 - Wednesday 8:30am]



# Example Reflexive relationship

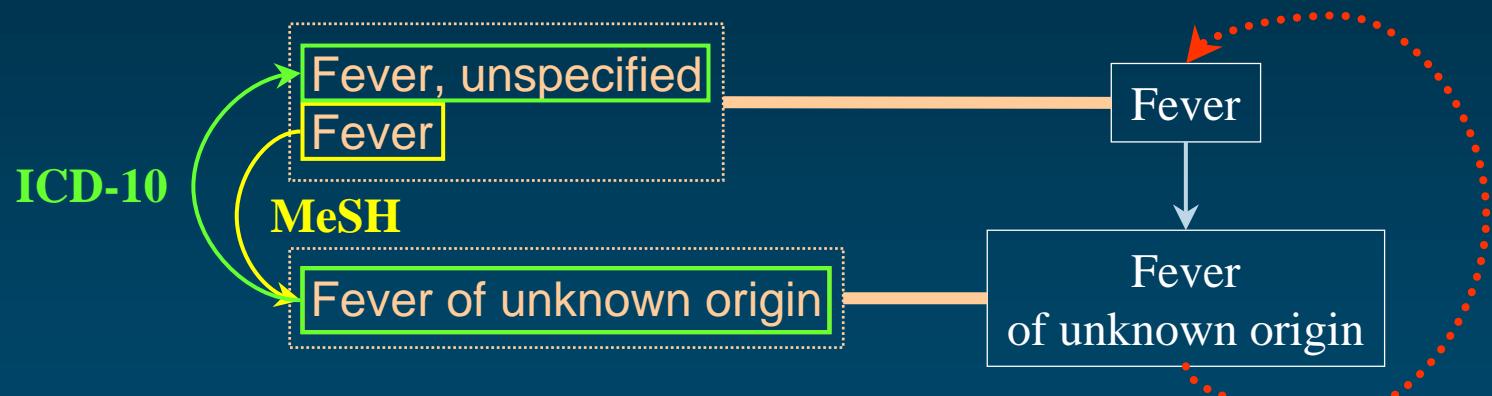
Read

Actinomycotic madura foot  
Actinomycetoma  
Actinomycotic maduromycosis  
**Actinomycotic mycetoma**  
Actinomycotic schizomycetoma

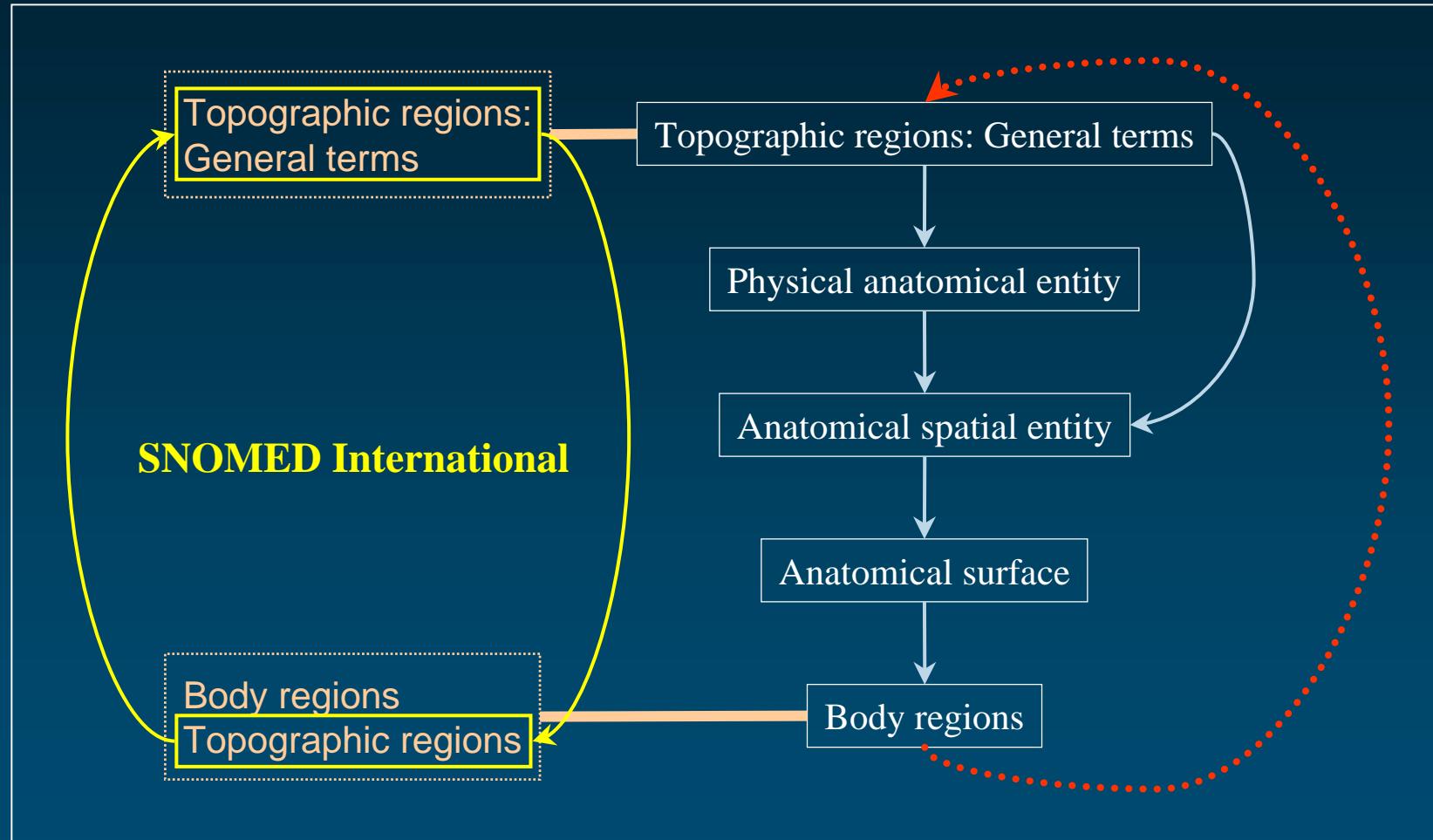
Actinomycotic  
madura foot



# Example Direct relationship



# Example Indirect relationship



# Discussion

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- ◆ Small number of cycles, but large number of concepts having at least one cycle among the graph of their ancestors / descendants
- ◆ Methods based on redundancy
  - are no substitute for a careful review
  - But represent a trade-off between cost and efficacy
- ◆ Controls based on structure could be performed at the level of data entry



# Customize Relationships

## ③ Statistical Approach

# Background Statistical Knowledge

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- ◆ Several kinds of knowledge in the Metathesaurus recorded as interconcept relationships
  - Symbolic: based on the meaning (MRREL)
    - “Addison’s disease” isa “disease”
    - “Addison’s disease” associated with “Addisonian crisis”
  - Statistical: based on the co-occurrence of MeSH descriptors in MEDLINE citations (MRCOC)
    - “Addison’s disease” coc “adrenal glands” [19/808]
    - “Addison’s disease” coc “prostatic neoplasms” [2/808]
    - “Addison’s disease” coc “quality of life” [2/808]



# An example from MEDLINE

Cugini P, Letizia C, Cerci S, Di Palma L,  
Battisti P, Coppola A, Scavo D.

**A chronobiological approach to circulating levels of renin, angiotensin-converting enzyme, aldosterone, ACTH, and cortisol in Addison's disease.**

*Chronobiol Int* 1993 Apr;10(2):119-22

This study deals with a chronobiological approach to the circadian rhythm of the renin-angiotensin-aldosterone system (RAAS) and the ACTH-cortisol axis (ACA) in patients with Addison's disease (PAD). The aim is to explore the mechanism(s) for which the circadian rhythmicity of the RAAS and ACA takes place. The study has shown that both the RAAS and ACA are devoid of a circadian rhythm in PAD. The lack of rhythmicity for renin and ACTH provides indirect evidence that their rhythmic secretion is in some way related to the circadian oscillation of aldosterone and cortisol. This implies a new concept: a positive feedback may be included among the mechanisms which chronoregulate the RAAS and ACA.

PMID: 8388783, UI: 93272348

- ◆ Addison's Disease/physiopathology
- ◆ Addison's Disease/blood\*
- ◆ Adolescence
- ◆ Adult
- ◆ Aldosterone/blood\*
- ◆ Circadian Rhythm\*
- ◆ Corticotropin/blood\*
- ◆ Female
- ◆ Human
- ◆ Hydrocortisone/blood\*
- ◆ Male
- ◆ Middle Age
- ◆ Peptidyl-Dipeptidase A/blood\*
- ◆ Renin/blood\*



# Background Co-occurrences

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## ◆ Relationships

- Pair of concept identifiers
- Frequency of co-occurrence
- Source of co-occurrence

## ◆ Semantics of the relationship: undefined

- Some redundancy with symbolic relationships
- “Addison’s disease” coc “prostatic neoplasms” [2/808]

- *Addison's disease secondary to prostatic carcinoma. A case report.*
- *Retropubic radical prostatectomy in a patient with chronic adrenal insufficiency*



# Background Co-occurrences

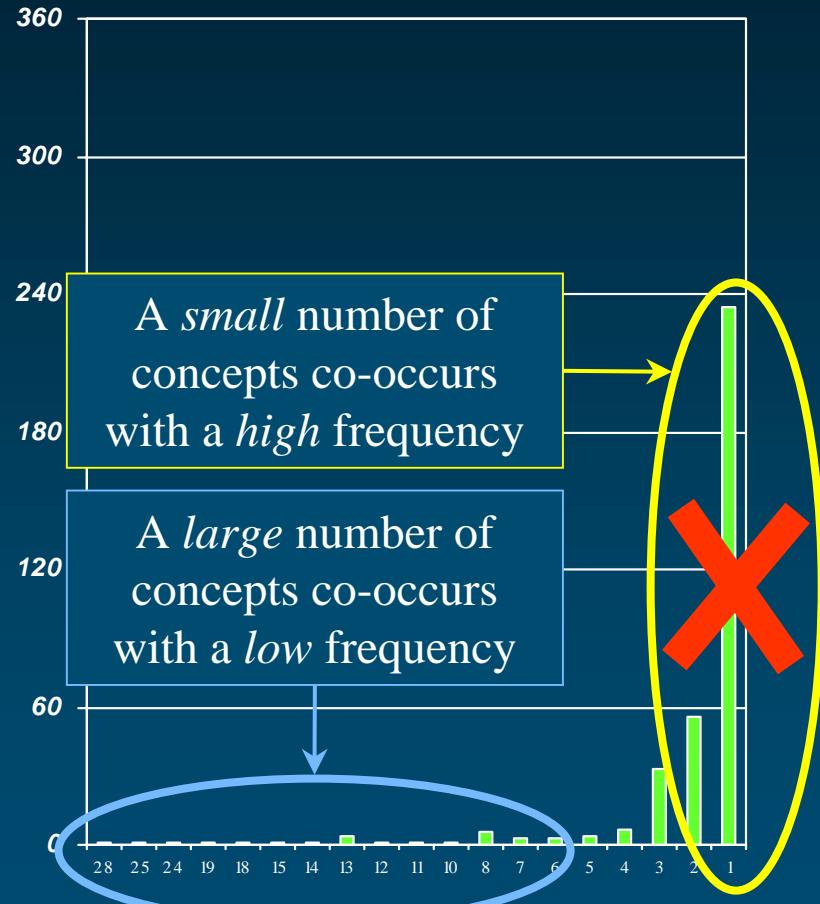
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- ◆ Only co-occurrence between “starred” descriptors is recorded in the Metathesaurus
- ◆ Relative frequency of co-occurrence
  - $\text{Freq(A and B)} / \text{Freq(A)}$
  - $\text{Freq(A and B)} / \text{Freq(B)}$
  - Surrogate for the strength of the link
- ◆ Frequency distribution may help select the most significant co-occurrences



# Addison's Disease: Co-occurring concepts

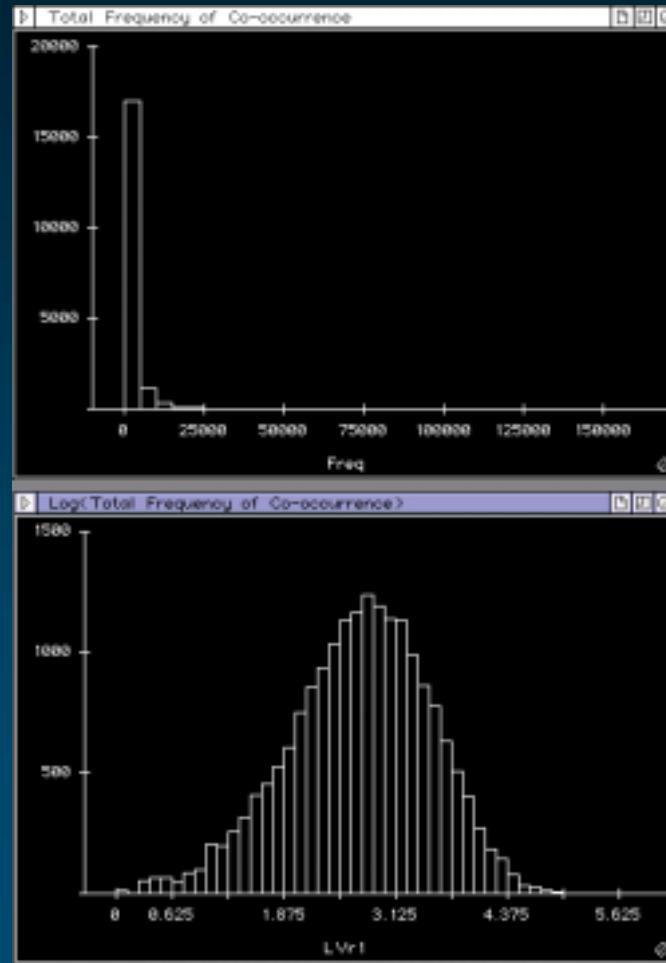
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25 Autoantibodies  
24 Hydrocortisone  
19 Adrenal Glands  
18 Steroid 21-Monoxygenase  
15 Corticotropin  
14 Adrenal Gland Neoplasms  
13 Adrenal Cortex  
13 Adrenal Gland Diseases  
13 Glucocorticoids  
13 Polyendocrinopathies, Autoimmune  
12 Diabetes Mellitus, Insulin-Dependent  
11 Tuberculosis, Endocrine  
10 Adrenoleukodystrophy  
8 Adrenal gland hypofunction  
8 Autoantigens  
8 Cushing Syndrome  
8 Hypothyroidism  
8 Tuberculosis  
8 Chronic lymphocytic thyroiditis  
[...]  
1 Circadian Rhythm  
[...]



# Total frequency of co-occurrence

- ◆ Number of co-occurring concepts
  - Min: 1
  - Max: 164,762
  - Median: 585

164762	Brain
137102	Liver
126009	Neurons
105382	Calcium
102109	Postoperative Complications
101955	DNA-Binding Proteins
93425	Breast Neoplasms
86878	RNA, Messenger
83578	Transcription Factors
82987	Escherichia coli
82840	T-Lymphocytes
82629	Aging
81442	Hypertension



# Motivation

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- ◆ Reduce the volume
- ◆ Select significant associations
  - For display purposes
  - Discover unexpected associations
  - Select candidate associative relationships for UMLS editors to review



# Methods

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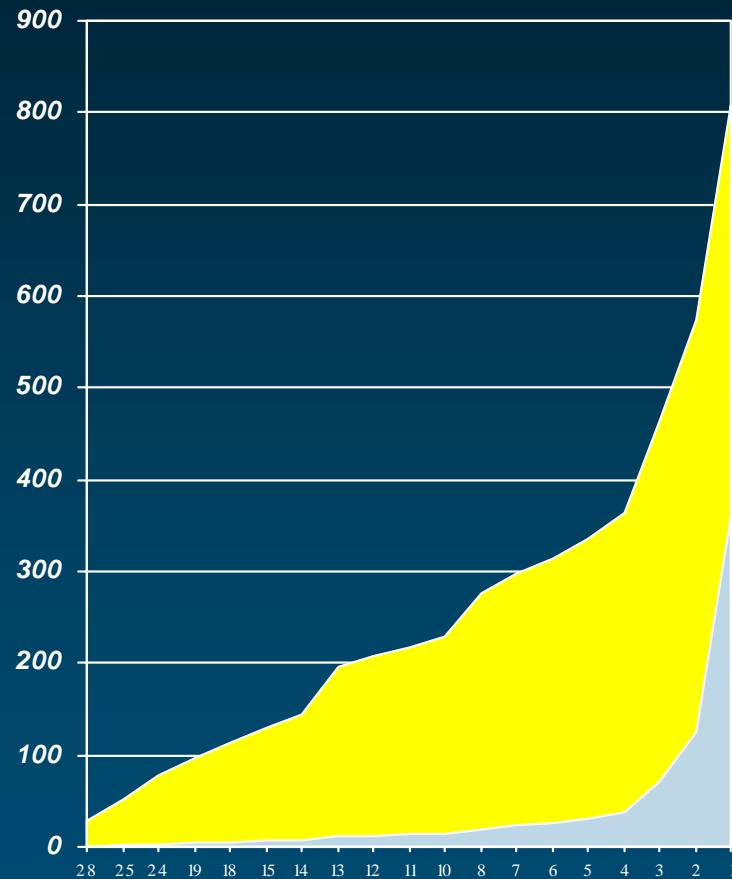
- ◆ Threshold on relative frequency of co-occurrence
  - Fixed threshold
    - Absolute (e.g., at least 2)
    - Relative (e.g., at least 1%)
  - Percentile
    - e.g., 90th percentile
    - Problem with long distribution tails
  - Dynamic approach
    - Smallest number of pairs representing the largest fraction of the total frequency



# Methods

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- ◆ 19 classes (concepts with the same frequency)
- ◆ Total frequency: 808
- ◆ Add classes until the benefit of adding the next class becomes insignificant



# Example of use Visualization

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- ◆ Display only a reasonable number of co-occurring concepts
- ◆ Addison's disease
  - Co-occurring concepts: 360
  - *Displayed:* 126 (35%)
  - Total frequency of co-occurrence: 808
  - *Represented:* 574 (71%)



# Discussion

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- ◆ Only 6 percent of the relationships between co-occurring concepts are redundant with symbolic relationships in the Metathesaurus
- ◆ A more sophisticated statistical analysis is necessary to refine the filter
- ◆ Additional filters may be applied
  - E.g., minimum value for the total frequency of co-occurrence



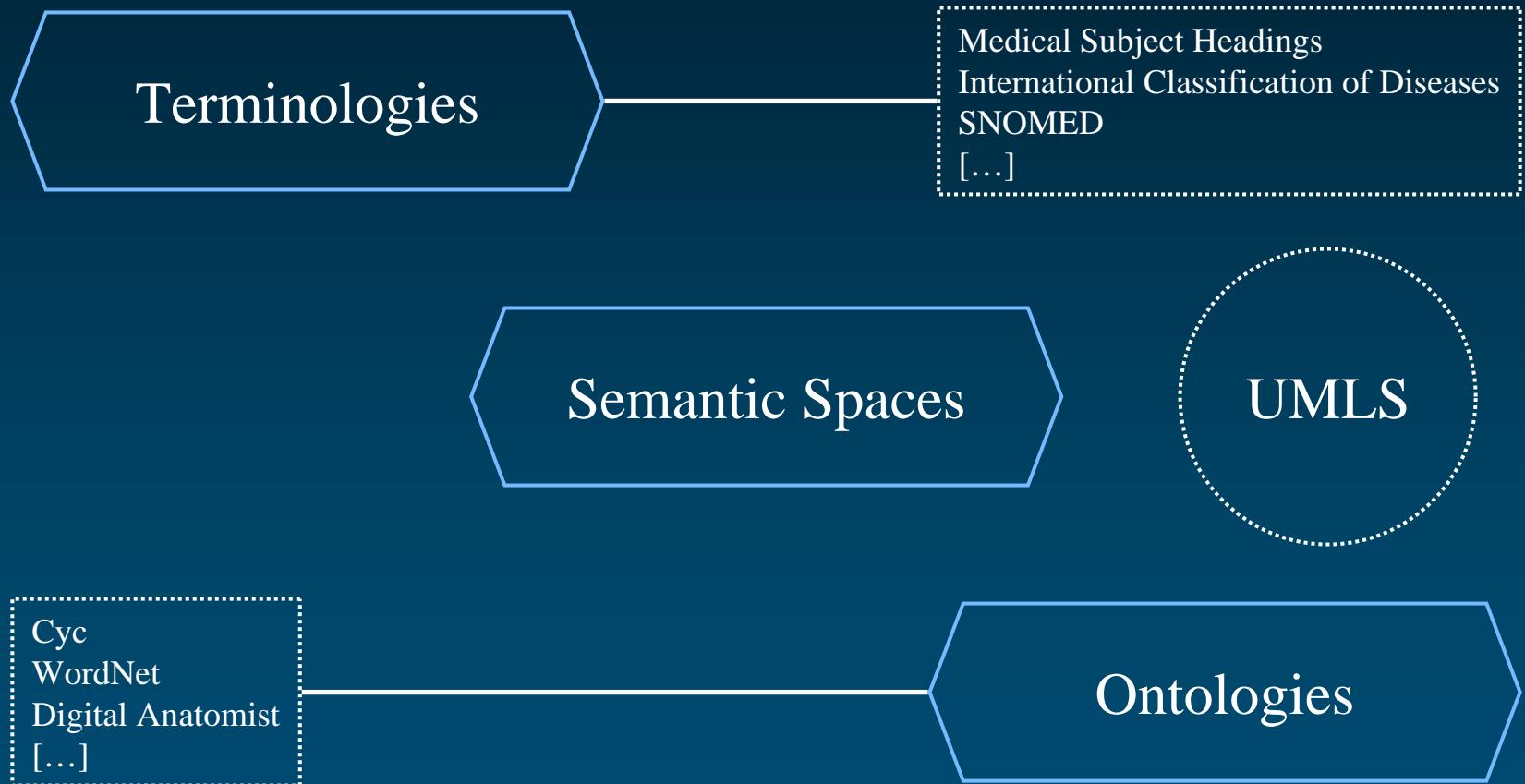
# Outline of Tutorial

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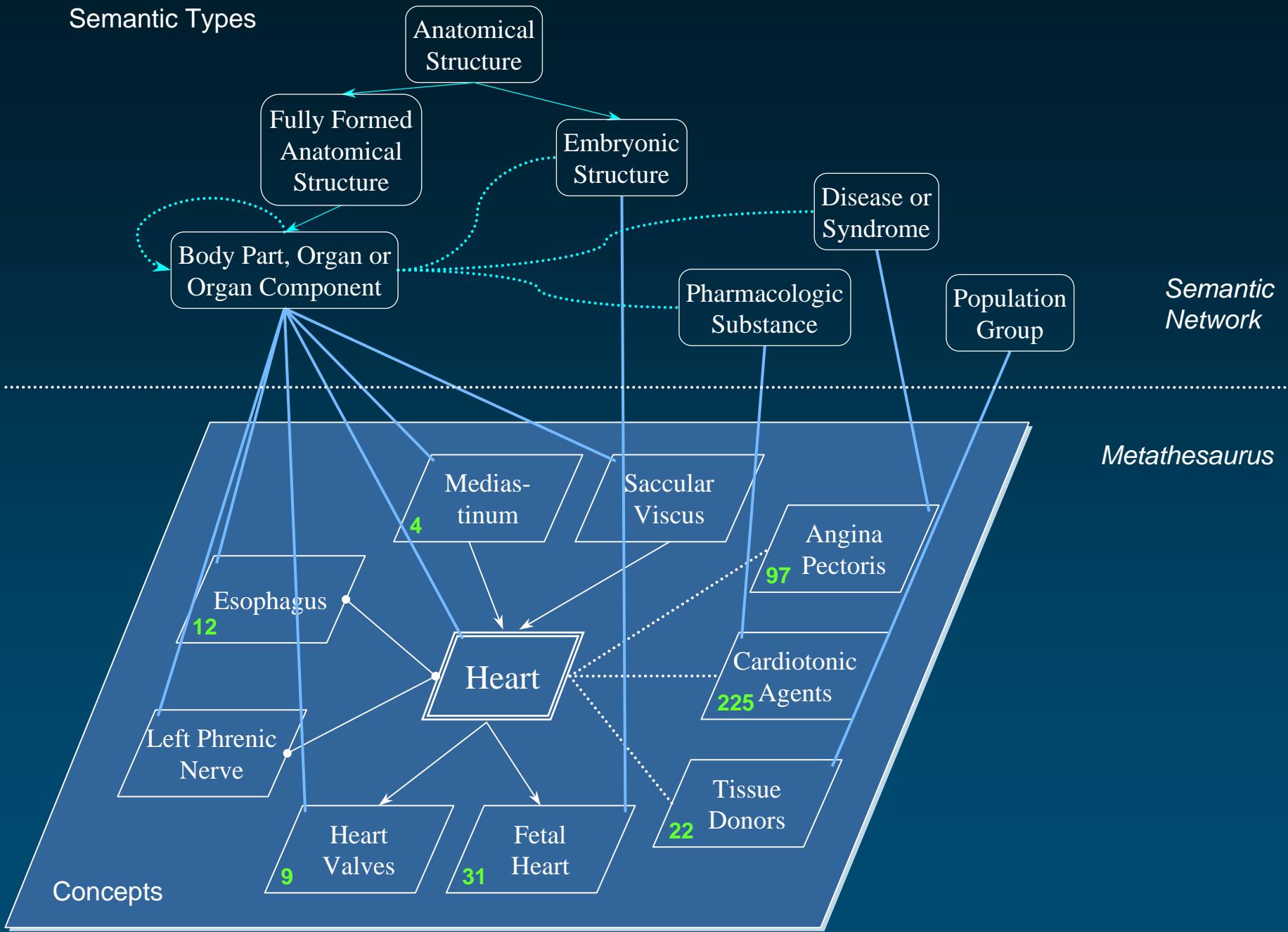
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# Background Knowledge organization



## Semantic Types



# UMLS Semantic Navigator

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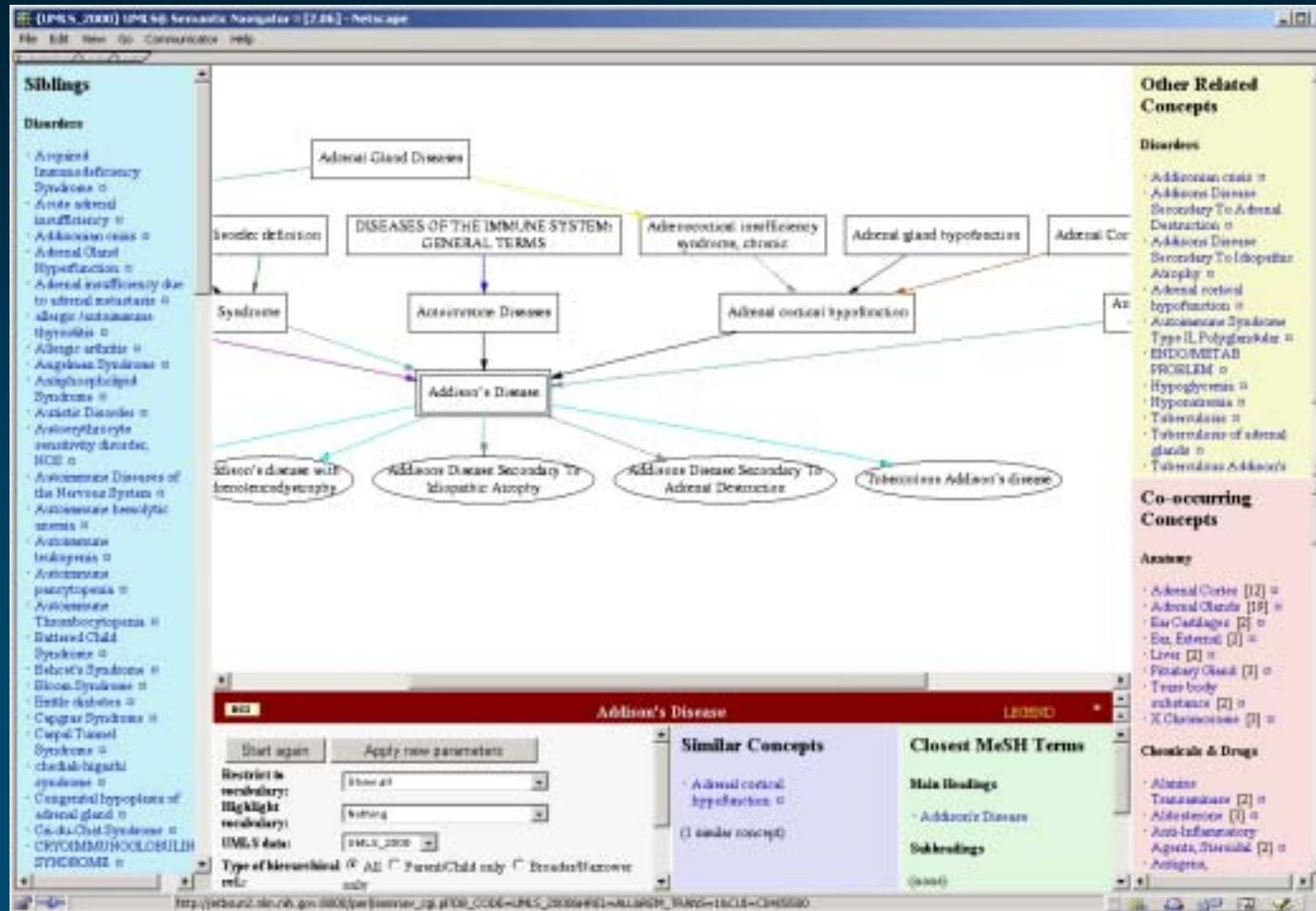
## ◆ Features

- All relationships presented simultaneously
  - Metathesaurus relationships
  - Semantic network relationships
- Hierarchical relationships presented graphically
- Dynamic and navigable

[umlsks.nlm.nih.gov](http://umlsks.nlm.nih.gov) → Resources → Semantic Navigator

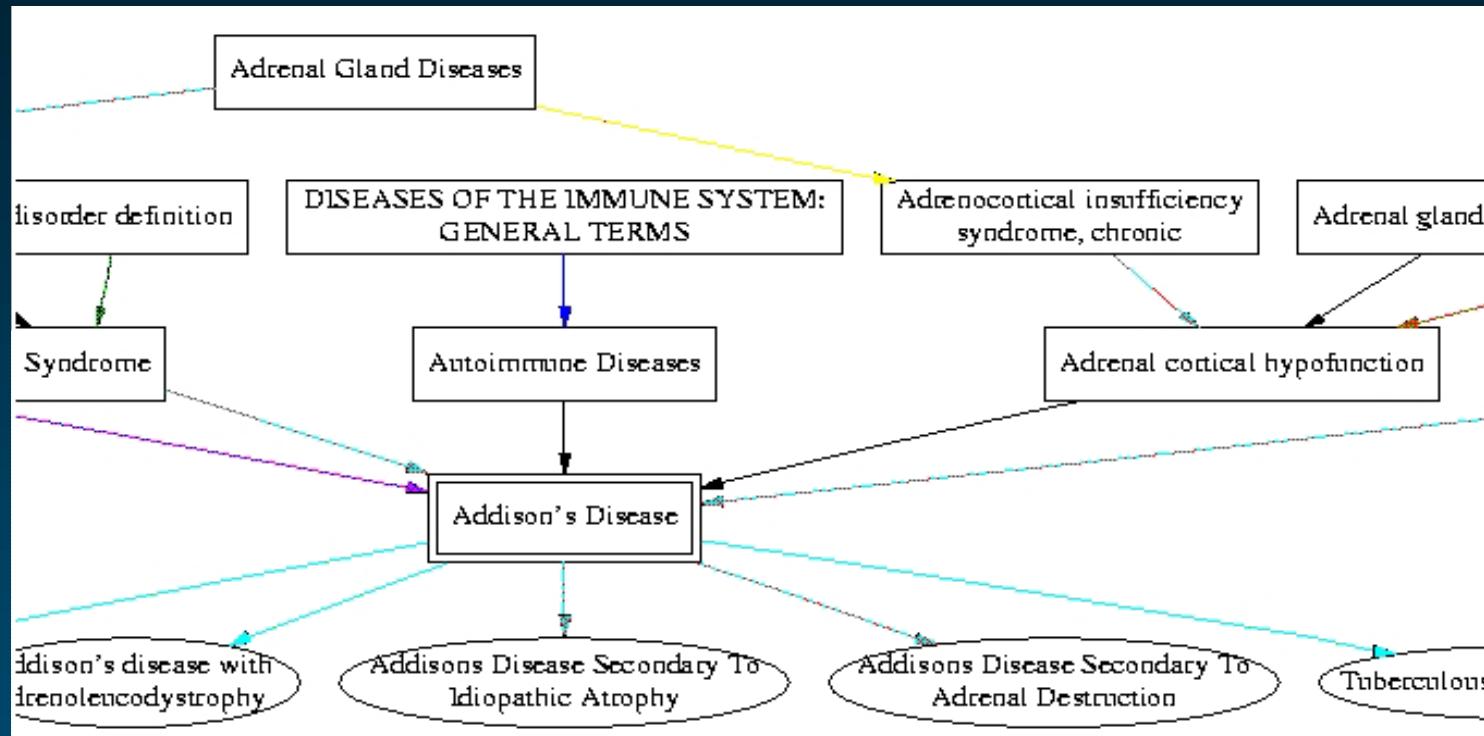


# UMLS Semantic Navigator



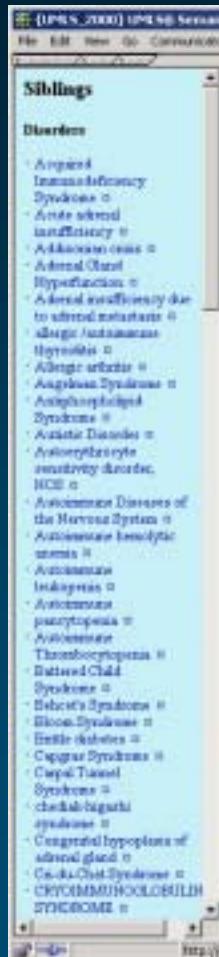
# Customize Concept Spaces

# UMLS Semantic Navigator Concepts



## Siblings

# UMLS Semantic Navigator Concepts



- Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome ◊
- Acute adrenal insufficiency ◊
- Addisonian crisis ◊
- Adrenal Gland Hyperfunction ◊
- Adrenal insufficiency due to adrenal metastasis ◊
- allergic /autoimmune thyroiditis ◊
- Allergic arthritis ◊
- Angelman Syndrome ◊
- Antiphospholipid Syndrome ◊
- Autistic Disorder ◊
- Autoerythrocyte sensitivity disorder, NOS ◊
- Autoimmune Diseases of the Nervous System ◊
- Autoimmune hemolytic anemia ◊
- Autoimmune leukopenia ◊
- Autoimmune pancytopenia ◊
- Autoimmune Thrombocytopenia ◊
- Battered Child Syndrome ◊
- Behcet's Syndrome ◊
- Bloom Syndrome ◊
- brittle diabetes ◊
- Capgras Syndrome ◊
- Cogan-Tauzzi Syndrome ◊
- chediak-higashi syndrome ◊
- Congenital hypoplasia of adrenal gland ◊
- Co-enzyme Q10 Deficiency ◊
- CYTOIMMUNOHAEMOLOGICAL SYNDROME ◊

# UMLS Semantic Navigator Concepts

## Other Related Concepts

### Disorders

- Addisonian crisis ☐
- Addisons Disease  
Secondary To Adrenal Destruction ☐
- Addisons Disease  
Secondary To Idiopathic Atrophy ☐
- Adrenal cortical hypofunction ☐
- Autoimmune Syndrome Type II, Polyglandular ☐
- ENDO/METAB PROBLEM ☐
- Hypoglycemia ☐
- Hyponatremia ☐
- Tuberculosis ☐
- Tuberculosis of adrenal glands ☐
- Tuberculous Addison's



# UMLS Semantic Navigator Concepts

The screenshot shows the UMLS Semantic Navigator interface. On the left, a pink box contains two pieces of text:

- Number of pairs (shown/all) = 126/360 (35%)
- Frequency (shown/all) = 574/808 (71%)

The main window displays two sections of co-occurring concepts:

### Co-occurring Concepts

#### Anatomy

- Adrenal Cortex [12] ☐
- Adrenal Glands [19] ☐
- Ear Cartilages [2] ☐
- Ear, External [2] ☐
- Liver [2] ☐
- Pituitary Gland [3] ☐
- Tears body substance [2] ☐
- X Chromosome [3] ☐

#### Chemicals & Drugs

- Alanine Transaminase [2] ☐
- Aldosterone [3] ☐
- Anti-Inflammatory Agents, Steroidal [2] ☐
- Antigens,

A smaller window on the right shows the same data in a scrollable list format.

# UMLS Semantic N

Relationship Viewer - Netscape

Relationships  
of Addison's Disease (C1)  
*Disease or Syndrome*  
to Adrenal Cortex (C2)  
*Body Part, Organ, or Organ Component*

**Metathesaurus Relationships**

C1 co-occurs with C2

Frequency = 12 • MEDLINE

**Semantic Network Relationships**

Disease or Syndrome	• has_location	Body Part, Organ, or Organ Component
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[Close this window](#)

Interface version: 2.01 UMLS data: UMLS\_2000

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# Motivation

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- ◆ Reduce volume
  - Concepts
  - Relationships
  - Both
- ◆ Reduce ambiguity



# Methods

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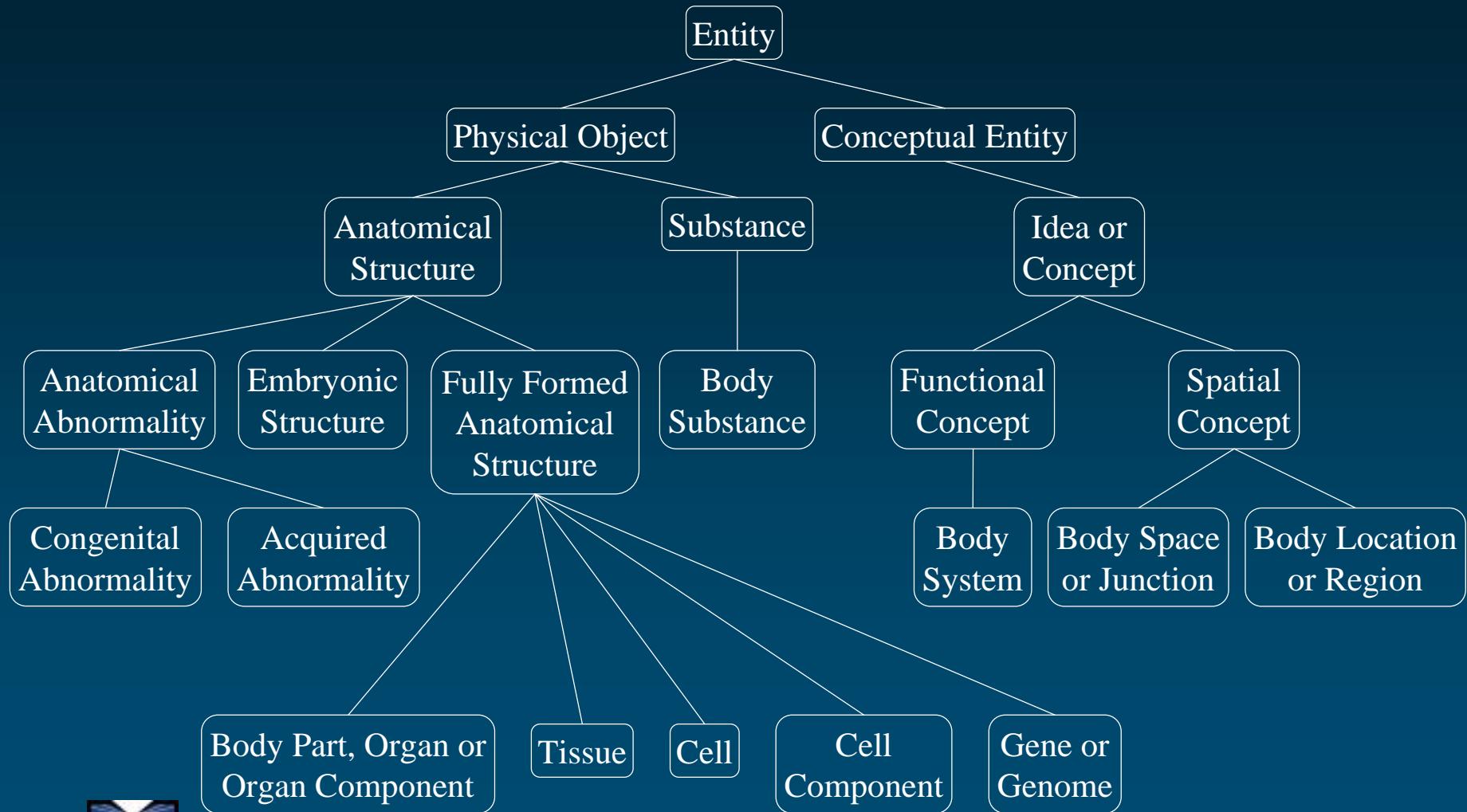
- ◆ Based on the categorization: **Semantic groups**

McCray A.T, Burgun A., Bodenreider O.  
Aggregating UMLS semantic types for reducing conceptual complexity.  
Medinfo 2001;10 Pt 1:216-220.

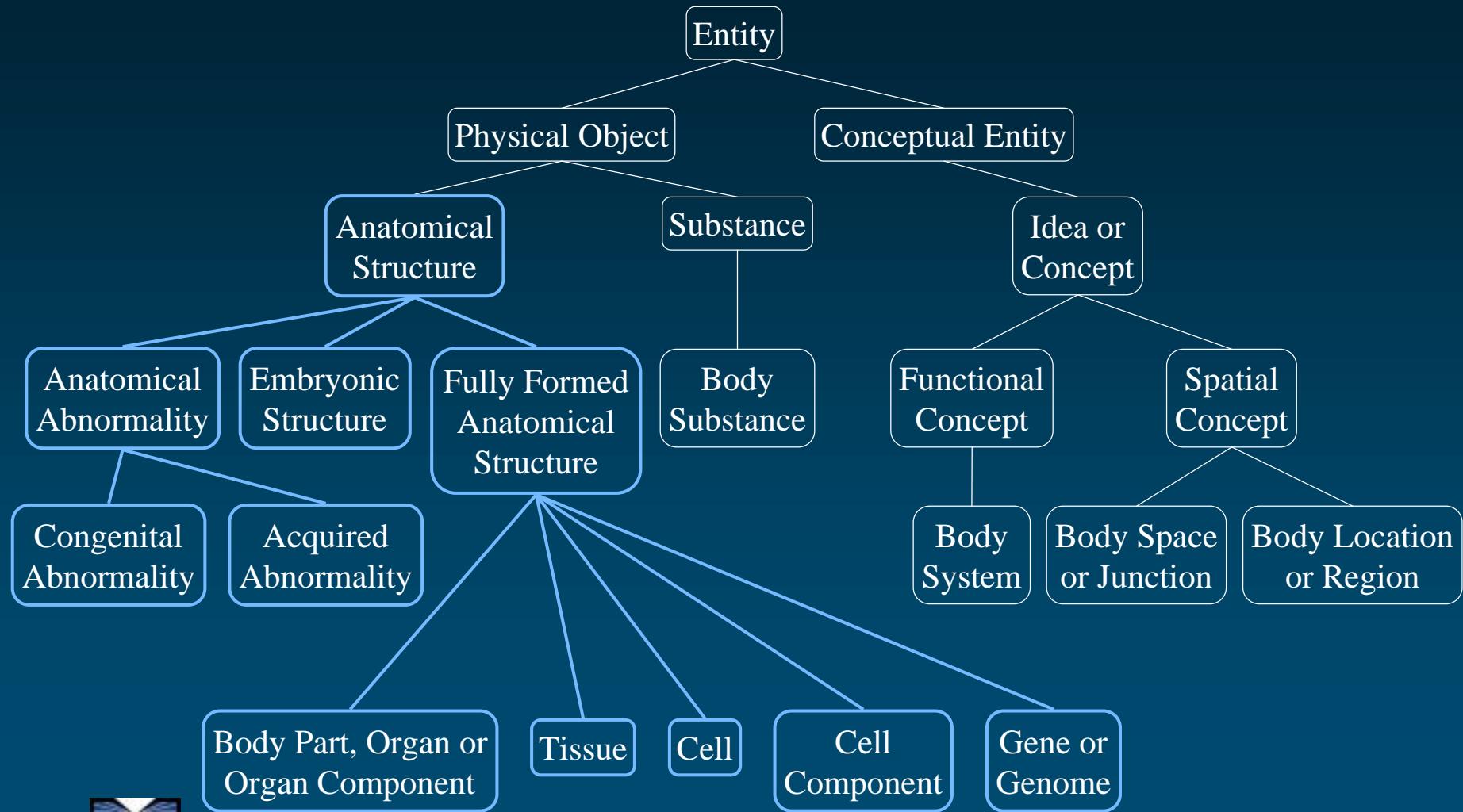
- ◆ Based on inter-concept relationships:
  - Transitive reduction (structural)
  - Semantic distance (symbolic + statistical)



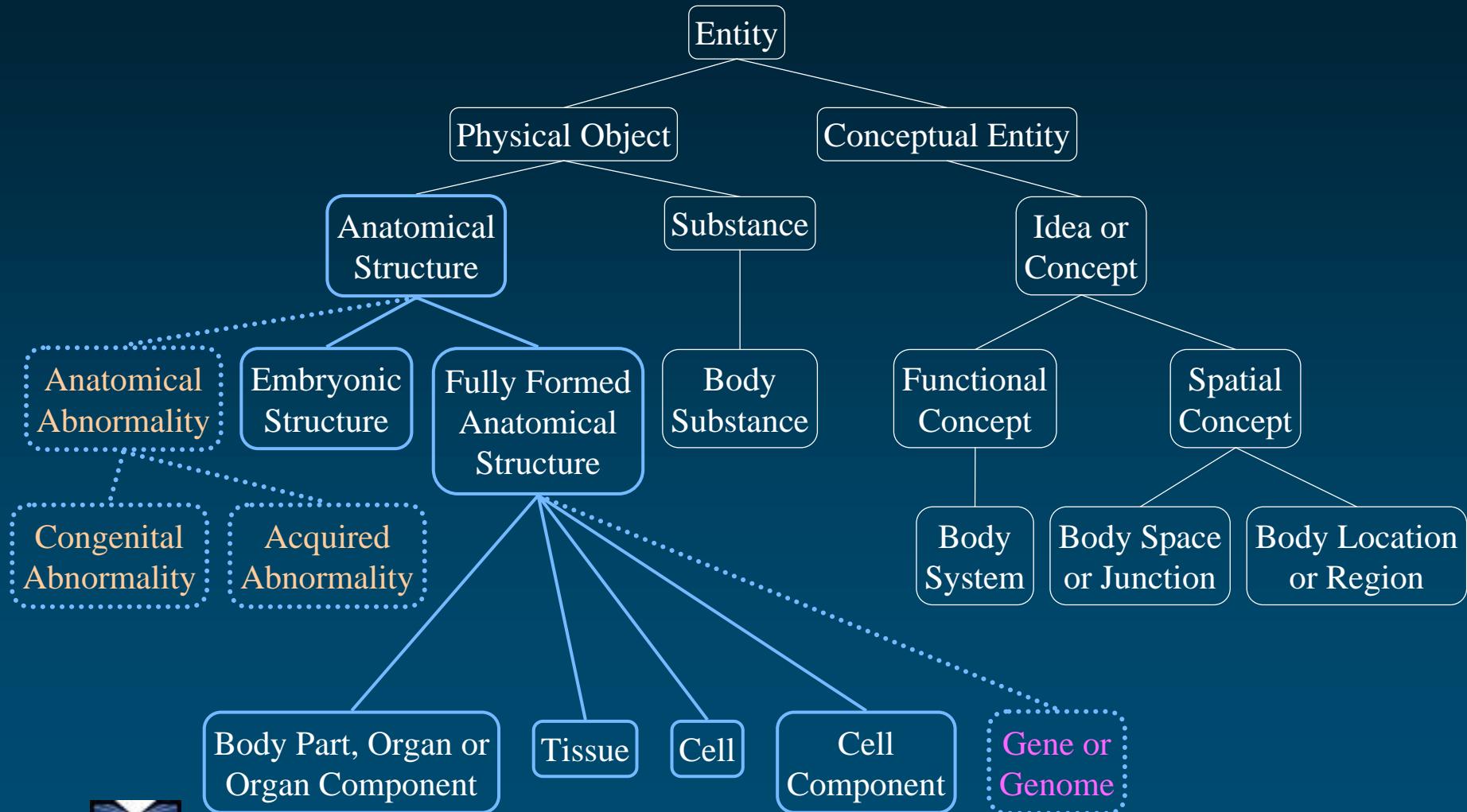
# Semantic Network



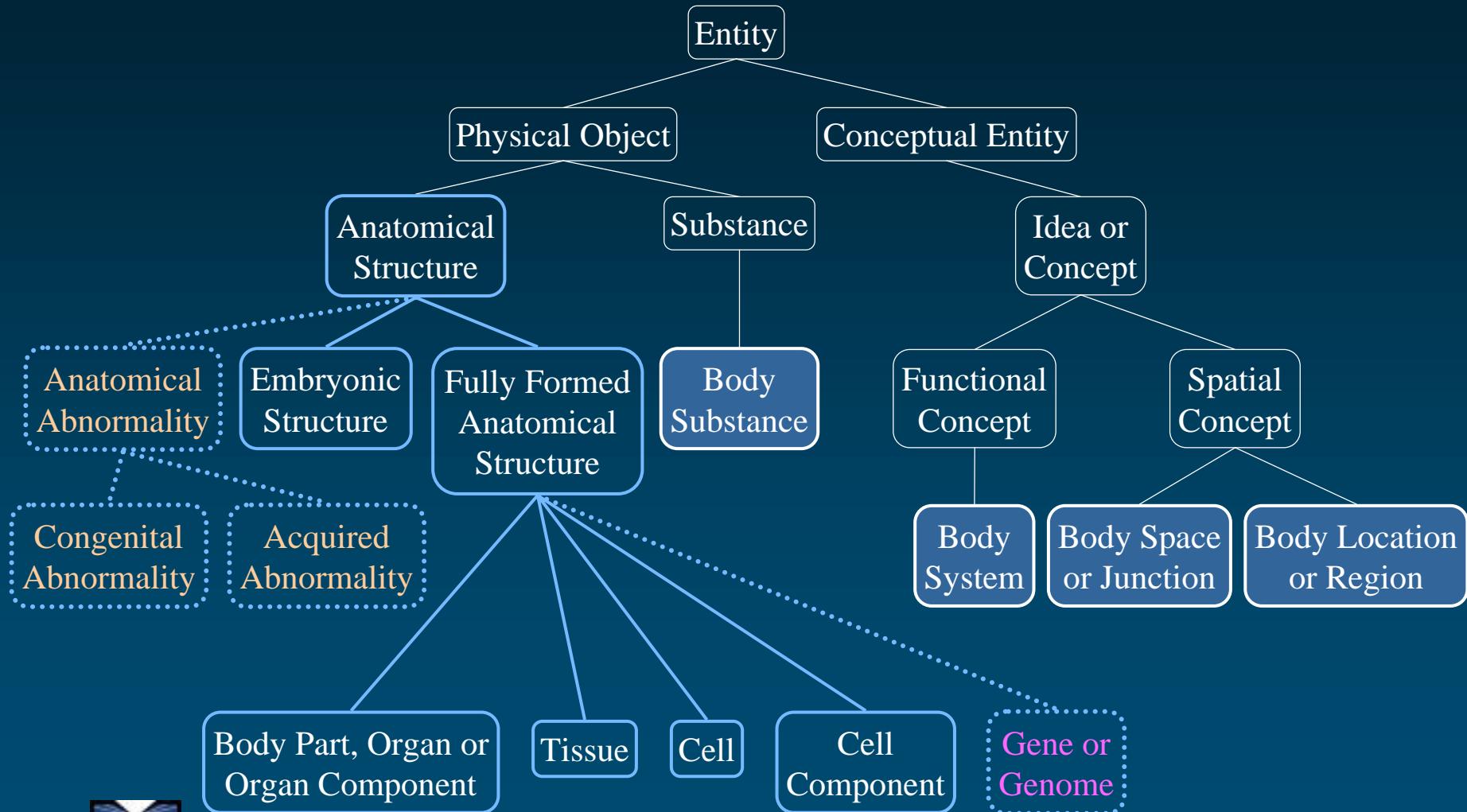
# Semantic Network Anatomy subtype



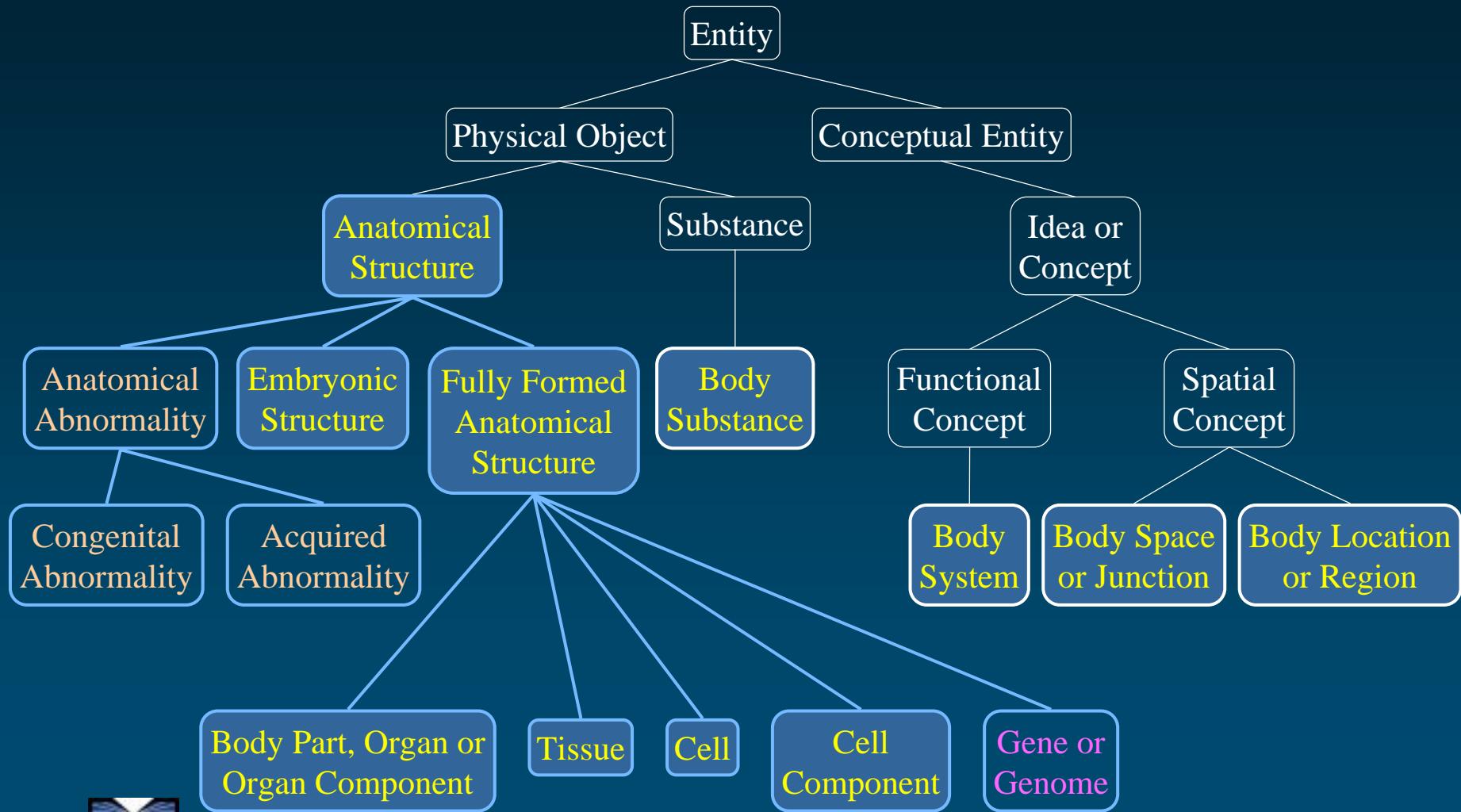
# Semantic Network Detach some types



# Semantic Network Attach some types



# Semantic Network SG Anatomy



# Example of use

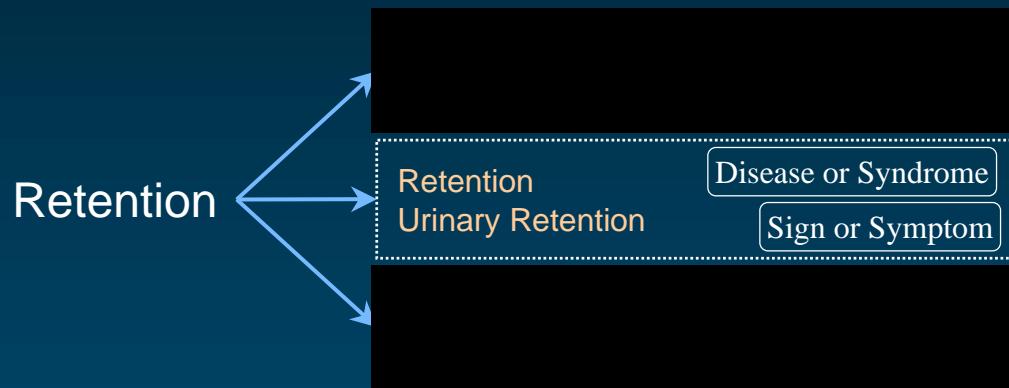
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- ◆ Disambiguate
- ◆ Extract semantic subspaces
  - Major semantic axis (e.g., anatomy)
  - Body system (e.g., cardiology)
  - Procedure (e.g., transplantation)
- ◆ Simplify representation for visualization purposes



# Example of use Disambiguate

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# Example of use Semantic subspaces

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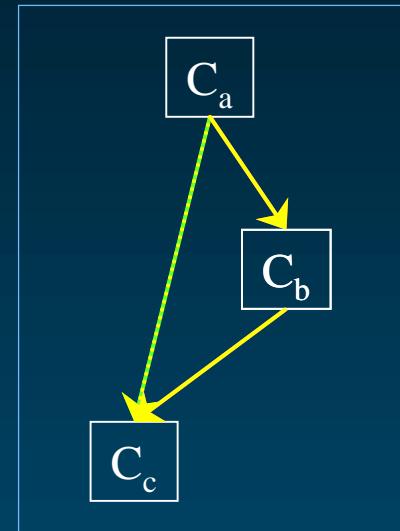
- ◆ Major semantic axis (e.g., anatomy)
  - Use semantic groups
- ◆ Body system (e.g., cardiology)
  - Use interconcept relationships
  - Combine relationships: Family
    - Uncles = siblings of parents
    - Cousins = children of uncles
- ◆ Procedure (e.g., transplantation)



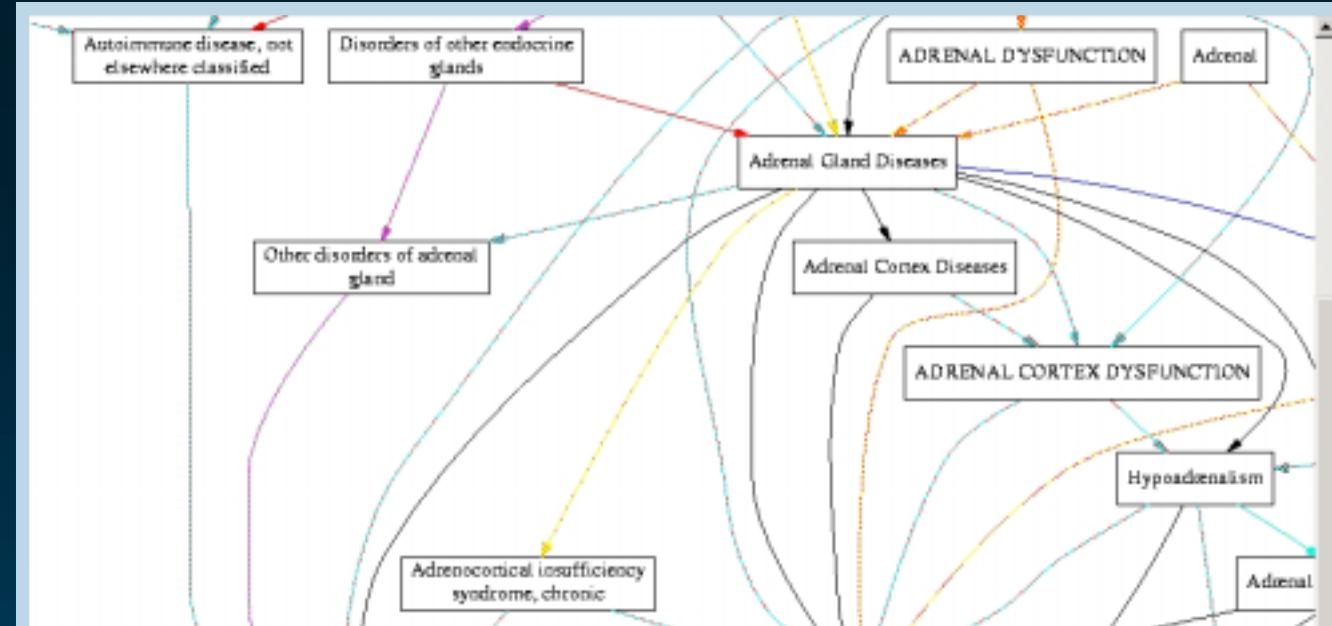
# Example of use Simplify representation

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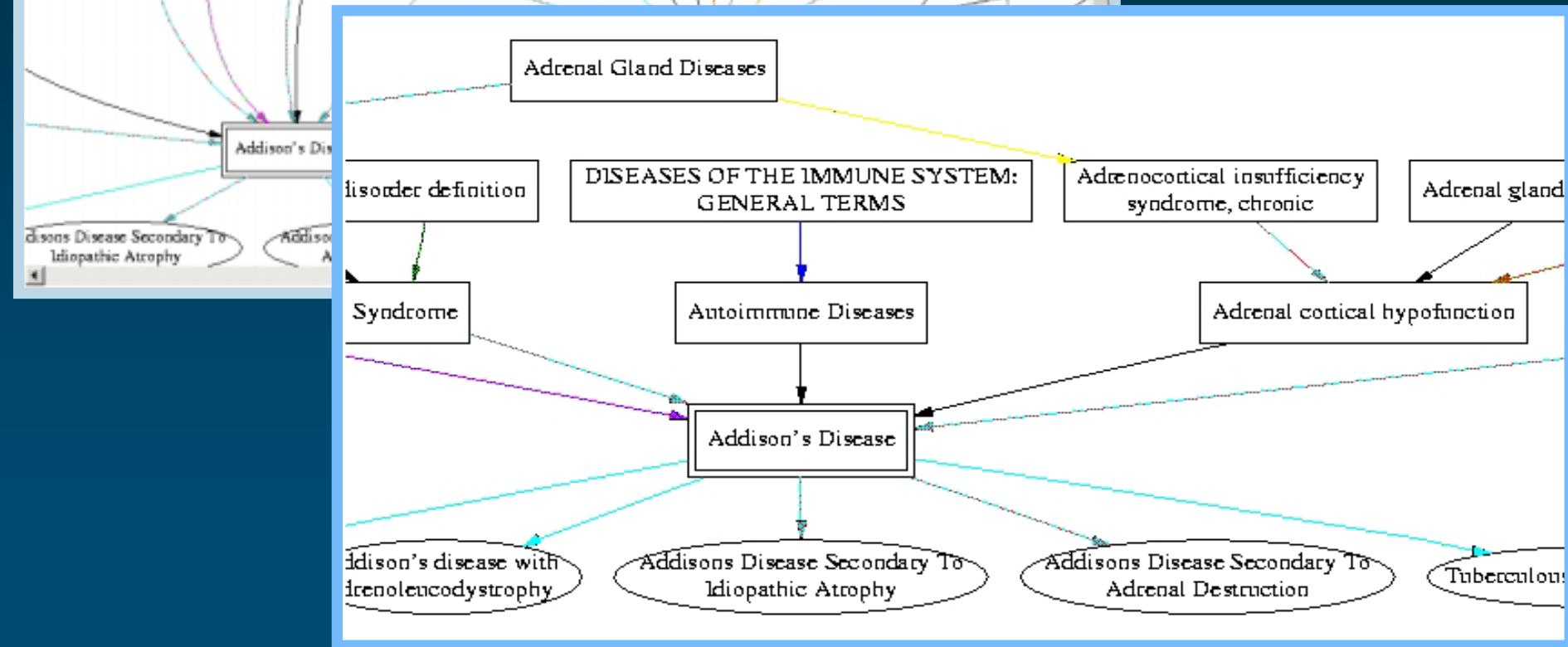
- ◆ Hide “redundant” relationships
- ◆ Structural approach
- ◆ Transitive reduction



All relationships



Transitive reduction



# Discussion

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- ◆ Alternative approaches
  - Core concepts
  - Concepts found in multiple sources
- ◆ Semantic distance
  - Work in progress



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# Adding “local” terminology

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- ◆ Vocabularies not in the UMLS?
- ◆ Local terms or terminologies?
- ◆ Increments to reference terminologies?



# Two key questions

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- ◆ Are the *meanings* already in the Metathesaurus?
- ◆ How will you maintain your system as you and the Metathesaurus add names and meanings?



# Create Unique Identifiers for *your* Terminology

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- ◆ For your concepts, use:  
‘CA000001 …’ as CUIs instead  
of Meta’s ‘C0000001 …’ for CUIs
- ◆ Similarly, use ‘LA000001 …’ for LUIs  
and ‘SA000001 …’ for SUIs, as needed
- ◆ Create a table which can map your UIs to UMLS  
UIs

e.g., 

Your CUI	Meta CUI
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# Which of your terms are Meta Synonyms?

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- ◆ Use the lvg program to normalize your terms
- ◆ look for matches to the Normalized String Index (MRXNS).
- ◆ Use other sensible approaches to searching:
  - normalized word searches;
  - explore alternate naming styles and conventions

Hole, W.T, Srinivasan, S.

*Discovering Missed Synonymy in a Large Concept-Oriented Metathesaurus.*

Proc AMIA Fall Symp. 2000;:354-8



# Map your terms to Unique Identifiers

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- ◆ Use Meta CUIs where synonyms are found
- ◆ Use *your* CUIs where no synonyms are found
- ◆ Store the map for future use



# Bonus Add relationships

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- ◆ As you look for Meta Synonyms, add *relationships to Meta*
- ◆ Assign a REL and RELA to label the particular kinds of relationships you need and will use, e.g. to map or aggregate



# Updating to a New Meta Release

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- ◆ Repeat MetamorphoSys and processing scripts used for the previous release
- ◆ Re-use previously found UIs for your terms to map synonyms, etc. to the new Meta
- ◆ Check for new Meta Concepts which are synonyms of your terms, not previously in Meta
- ◆ Check for any deleted CUIs in MRCUI

C0435517 1999 SY C0435516
C0361163 1998 DEL
C0785652 2000 SY C0775088



# Sneak Preview of 2002 changes...

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- ◆ Metathesaurus changes:
  - MedDRA FDA and international “Medical Dictionary for Regulatory Activities Terminology”
  - VANDF “Veterans Health Administration National Drug File”
  - NCBI Taxonomy of Organisms
  - No ‘Unreviewed’ concepts!
- ◆ New version of Lexical Tools  
(Tutorial T25 Lexical Tools for UMLS Developers, Sunday 8:30 am)
- ◆ New version of Knowledge Source Server



# Online Resources

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WWW: <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/research/umls/>  
WWW: <http://umlsks.nlm.nih.gov>  
<http://umlsinfo.nlm.nih.gov>

E-mail: [umls@nlm.nih.gov](mailto:umls@nlm.nih.gov)

umls-users listserv:

To subscribe to the listserv, send a message to

[listserv@nlm.nih.gov](mailto:listserv@nlm.nih.gov)

which includes the following line:

**subscribe umls-users**

To post a message to the umls-users listserv,  
AFTER subscribing, send email to:

[umls-users@nlm.nih.gov](mailto:umls-users@nlm.nih.gov)



# Appendix

# MRCON Strings

CUI	LAT	TS	LUI	STT	SUI	STR	LRL
C0001403	ENG	P	L0001403	PF	S0010794	Addison's Disease	0
C0001403	ENG	P	L0001403	VC	S0352253	ADDISON'S DISEASE	0
C0001403	ENG	P	L0001403	VO	S0010792	Addison Disease	0
C0001403	ENG	P	L0001403	VO	S0033587	Disease, Addison	0
C0001403	ENG	P	L0001403	VO	S0469271	Addison's disease, NOS	3
C0001403	ENG	S	L0278071	PF	S0352321	ADRENAL INSUFFICIENCY (ADDISON'S DISEASE)	0
C0001403	ENG	S	L0278422	PF	S0352329	ADRENOCORTICAL INSUFFICIENCY, PRIMARY FAILURE	0
C0001403	ENG	S	L0367999	PF	S0469267	Addison melanoderma	3
C0001403	ENG	S	L0368000	PF	S0496840	Melasma addisonii	3
C0001403	ENG	S	L0368398	PF	S0506528	Primary adrenal deficiency	3
C0001403	ENG	S	L0373744	PF	S0471237	Asthenia pigmentosa	3
C0001403	ENG	S	L0377831	PF	S0473611	Bronzed disease	3
C0001403	ENG	S	L0494940	PF	S0718028	Primary adrenocortical insufficiency	3
C0001403	ENG	S	L0494937	PF	S0718027	Primary adrenocortical insuff	3
C0001403	FIN	P	L1510041	PF	S1805950	Addisonin tauti	3
C0001403	FRE	S	L1272481	PF	S1514427	MALADIE D'ADDISON	2
C0001403	GER	P	L1229627	PF	S1471573	Addison-Krankheit	3
C0001403	GER	S	L1288823	PF	S1530769	Primaere Nebennierenrindeninsuffizienz	1
C0001403	ITA	P	L1276837	PF	S1518783	Morbo di Addison	3
C0001403	POR	P	L0324623	PF	S0432928	DOENCA DE ADDISON	2
C0001403	RUS	P	L0889403	PF	S1093220	ADDISONOVA BOLEZN'	3
C0001403	SPA	P	L0342625	PF	S0450930	ENFERMEDAD DE ADDISON	3
[...]							



# MRSO Sources

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CUI	LUI	SUI	SAB	TTY	SCD	SRL
C0001403	L0001403	S0010792	MSH2000	EN	D000224	0
C0001403	L0001403	S0010794	MSH2000	MH	D000224	0
C0001403	L0001403	S0010796	MSH2000	PM	D000224	0
C0001403	L0001403	S0010796	PSY94	PT	00810	3
C0001403	L0001403	S0219379	ICD91	IT	255.4	0
C0001403	L0001403	S0220088	ICD91	IT	255.4	0
C0001403	L0001403	S0220088	MSH2000	PM	D000224	0
C0001403	L0001403	S0352252	CCPSS99	PT	0022753	3
C0001403	L0001403	S0352252	DXP94	SY	NOCODE	0
C0001403	L0001403	S0352253	CST95	GT	ADREN INSUFFIC	0
C0001403	L0001403	S0352253	WHO97	IT	0410	2
C0001403	L0001403	S0354372	AOD95	DE	0000005430	0
C0001403	L0001403	S0354372	CSP98	PT	0060-3321	0
C0001403	L0001403	S0354372	LCH90	PT	U000061	0
C0001403	L0001403	S0354372	RCD99	PT	C1541	3
C0001403	L0001403	S0354372	SNM2	SY	D-2332	3
C0001403	L0001403	S0469271	SNMI98	PT	DB-70620	3
C0001403	L0278071	S0352321	COS93	PT	U000087	0
C0001403	L0278422	S0352329	DXP94	SY	NOCODE	0
C0001403	L0367999	S0469267	SNMI98	SY	DB-70620	3
C0001403	L0494937	S0718027	RCD99	AB	C1541	3
C0001403	L0494940	S0718028	ICD10	PT	E27.1	3
C0001403	L0494940	S0718028	RCD99	SY	C1541	3
[...]						



# MRDEF Definitions

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CUI            SAB            DEF

C0001403|MSH2000|A disease characterized by hypotension, weight loss, anorexia, weakness, and sometimes a bronze-like melanotic hyperpigmentation of the skin. It is due to tuberculosis- or autoimmune-induced disease (hypofunction) of the adrenal glands that results in deficiency of aldosterone and cortisol. In the absence of replacement therapy, it is usually fatal.|



# MRSTY Semantic Types

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CUI        TUI        STY

C0001400	T040	Organism Function
C0001403	T047	Disease or Syndrome
C0001406	T083	Geographic Area
C0001407	T114	Nucleic Acid, Nucleoside, or Nucleotide
C0001407	T123	Biologically Active Substance



# MRATX Associated Expressions

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CUI            SAB            REL            ATX

*Closed fracture of malar and maxillary bones, NOS*

C0009045|MSH2000|B|<Zygomatic Fractures> OR <Maxillary Fractures>|

*Unilateral congenital dislocation of hip*

C0009702|MSH2000|B|<Hip Dislocation, Congenital> AND <Femur Head>/<abnormalities>|  
*Suture of bladder*

C0010700|MSH2000|B|<Bladder>/<surgery>|



# MRCXT Contexts

CUI	SUI	SAB	SCD	CXN	CXL	RNK	CXS	CUI2	HCD	REL	XC
C0001403	S0469271	SNMI98	DB-70620 1	ANC	1	SNOMED International	C0220967				
C0001403	S0469271	SNMI98	DB-70620 1	ANC	2	DISEASES/DIAGNOSES	C0338067				
C0001403	S0469271	SNMI98	DB-70620 1	ANC	3	DISEASES OF THE END. SYSTEM	C0014130				
C0001403	S0469271	SNMI98	DB-70620 1	ANC	4	DISEASES OF THE ADRENAL GLANDS	C0001621				
C0001403	S0469271	SNMI98	DB-70620 1	CCP		<u>Addison's disease, NOS</u>	C0001403	DB-70620			
C0001403	S0718028	ICD10	E27.1 1	ANC	1	ICD, Tenth Revision (ICD-10)	C0391804				
C0001403	S0718028	ICD10	E27.1 1	ANC	2	End., nutr. and metabolic diseases	C0694452				
C0001403	S0718028	ICD10	E27.1 1	ANC	3	Disorders of other endocrine glands	C0178257				
C0001403	S0718028	ICD10	E27.1 1	ANC	4	Other disorders of adrenal gland	C0494313				
C0001403	S0718028	ICD10	E27.1 1	CCP		<u>Primary adrenocortical insuff.</u>	C0001403	E27.1			
(* = C0001403 S0010794 MSH2000)											
* D000224 1 ANC 1 MeSH C0220876											
* D000224 1 ANC 2 Diseases (MeSH Category) C0012674 C											
* D000224 1 ANC 3 Endocrine Diseases C0014130 C19											
* D000224 1 ANC 4 Adrenal Gland Diseases C0001621 C19.53 isa											
* D000224 1 ANC 5 Adrenal Gland Hypofunction C0001623 C19.53.264 manifestation_of											
* D000224 1 CCP   <u>Addison's Disease</u>  C0001403 C19.53.264.263 has_manifestation											
* D000224 1 SIB  Adrenoleukodystrophy C0001661 C19.53.264.270 has_manifestation											
* D000224 1 SIB  Hypoaldosteronism C0020595 C19.53.264.480 has_manifestation											



# MRSAT String Attributes

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CUI	LUI	SUI	SCD	ATN	SAB	ATV
C0001403	L0001403	S0010792	D000224	EV	MSH2000	ADDISON DIS
C0001403	L0001403	S0010794	D000224	AN	MSH2000	an autoimmune dis with adrenal hypofunction
C0001403	L0001403	S0010794	D000224	DC	MSH2000	1
C0001403	L0001403	S0010794	D000224	DE	MSH2000	ADDISONS DIS
[...]						
C0001403	L0001403	S0010794	D000224	M93	MSH2000	*120
C0001403	L0001403	S0010794	D000224	M93	MSH2000	162
C0001403	L0001403	S0010794	D000224	MED	MSH2000	*116
C0001403	L0001403	S0010794	D000224	MED	MSH2000	167
C0001403	L0001403	S0010794	D000224	MMR	MSH2000	19940628
C0001403	L0001403	S0010794	D000224	MN	MSH2000	C19.53.264.263
C0001403	L0001403	S0010794	D000224	MN	MSH2000	C20.111.163
C0001403	L0001403	S0010794	D000224	TH	MSH2000	NLM (1966)
C0001403	L0001403	S0352252	0022753	CCF	CCPSS99	44
C0001403	L0001403	S0354372	C1541	RID	RCD99	Y41X1
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C0001403	L0367999	S0469267	DB-70620	SIC	SNMI98	255.4
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C0001403	L0494940	S0718028	C1541	RID	RCD99	Y41X2
C0001403		DA	MTH	19900930		
C0001403		MR	MTH	20000101		
C0001403		ST	MTH	R		



# MRLO Locators

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CUI	ISN	FR	UN	SUI	SNA	SOU1
C0001403	MEDLINE(1990-1995)	228	*CITATIONS	S0010794		
C0001403	MEDLINE(1996-Fall 1999)	116	*CITATIONS	S0010794		
C0001403	DXPLAIN		S0352252			
C0001403	DXPLAIN		S0352329			



# MRRANK Name Ranking

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RANK SAB TTY SUPRES

0324	MTH	PN	N
0323	MTH	MM	N
0322	MSH2000	MH	N
0321	MSH2000	HT	N
0320	MSH2000	TQ	N
0319	MSH2000	GQ	N
0318	MSH2000	LQ	N
0317	MSH2000	EP	N
0316	MSH2000	EN	N
0315	MSH2000	XQ	N
0314	MSH2000	NM	N
0313	DSM4	PT	N
0312	DSM3R	PT	N
0311	SNMI98	PT	N
0310	SNMI98	PX	Y
0309	SNMI98	HT	N
0308	SNMI98	HX	Y
0307	NDDF99	CD	N
0306	NDDF99	IN	N
0305	Mddb99	CD	N
0304	MMX99	CD	N
0303	MMX99	IN	N
0302	RCDSA	PT	N
[...]			



# MRREL Inter-concept Relationships

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CUI1	REL	CUI2	RELA	SAB	SL	MG
C0001403	AQ	C0205470		MSH2000	MSH2000	
C0001403	AQ	C0348026		MSH2000	MSH2000	
C0001403	CHD	C0271737		RCD99	RCD99	
C0001403	CHD	C0342477		RCD99	RCD99	
C0001403	PAR	C0001623	manifestation_of	MSH2000	MSH2000	
C0001403	PAR	C0004364	inverse_isa	MSH2000	MSH2000	
C0001403	PAR	C0405580		AOD95	AOD95	
C0001403	PAR	C0405580		RCD99	RCD99	
C0001403	PAR	C0494313		ICD10	ICD10	
C0001403	RB	C0001621		MTH	MTH	
C0001403	RB	C0004364		CSP98	MTH	
C0001403	RL	C0405580	mapped_from	SNMI98	SNMI98	
C0001403	RN	C0518933		MTH	MTH	
C0001403	RN	C0518934		MTH	MTH	
C0001403	RO	C0020615	clinically_associated_with	CCPSS99	CCPSS99	
C0001403	RO	C0041296		MTH	MTH	
C0001403	RO	C0085860	mapped_to	CSP98	CSP98	
C0001403	RO	C0151467	clinically_similar	RAM99	RAM99	
C0001403	RO	C0152889	associated_with	SNMI98	SNMI98	
C0001403	RO	C0405580	mapped_from	CST95	CST95	
C0001403	SIB	C0001661		MSH2000	MSH2000	
C0001403	SIB	C0002880		CSP98	CSP98	
[...]						



# MRCOC Co-occurrences

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CUI1	CUI2	SOC	COT	COF	COA
C0001403	C0000737	MBD	L	1	CO=1,DI=1
C0001403	C0000833	MBD	L	1	DT=1
C0001403	C0000833	MED	L	1	DT=1,MI=1,RA=1
C0001403	C0001175	MBD	L	1	CO=1
C0001403	C0001180	MBD	L	1	CO=1
C0001403	C0001418	MBD	L	2	ET=2
C0001403	C0001430	MED	L	1	BL=1,CO=1
C0001403	C0001613	MBD	L	5	PP=2,CN=1,DI=1,HI=1,IM=1,SU=1
C0001403	C0001613	MED	L	7	IM=4,ET=2,PP=2,BL=1,CL=1,PA=1
C0001403	C0001614	MED	L	1	BL=1,CI=1
C0001403	C0001617	MBD	L	1	BL=1
C0001403	C0001618	MBD	L	1	IM=1
C0001403	C0001618	MED	L	3	BL=2,CO=2,ET=1,PA=1
C0001403	C0001621	MBD	L	10	ET=7,DI=3,PA=3,BL=1,CO=1,DT=1,PP=1
C0001403	C0001621	MED	L	3	ET=3,DI=2
C0001403	C0001623	MBD	L	7	DI=3,ET=2,PP=2,<>=1,CN=1,DT=1,IM=1,PA=1,TH=1
C0001403	C0001623	MED	L	1	DI=1,ET=1
C0001403	C0001624	MBD	L	10	ET=9,DI=2,DT=1,PA=1
C0001403	C0001624	MED	L	3	DI=2,ET=2
C0001403	C0001625	MBD	L	12	ET=4,CO=3,RA=3,SU=3,IM=2,BL=1,DT=1,EN=1,MI=1,PA=1,PP=1
C0001403	C0001625	MED	L	7	IM=3,DI=2,PP=2,RA=2,BL=1,CO=1,ET=1,HI=1,PA=1,TH=1
C0001403	C0001627	MBD	L	1	DT=1
[...]					



# MRCON Suppressible synonyms

CUI	LAT	TS	LUI	STT	SUI	STR	RL
C0154009	ENG	P	L0180842	PF	S0245368	Benign neoplasm of prostate	0
C0154009	ENG	P	L0180842	VO	S1650872	PROSTATE NEOPLASM BENIGN	3
C0154009	ENG	P	L0180842	VO	S1912324	Neoplasm benign;prostate	3
C0154009	ENG	P	L0180842	VO	S1933166	Neoplasm benign, prostate	3
C0154009	ENG	S	L0524756	PF	S0599238	Benign tumor of prostate	3
C0154009	ENG	S	L0524757	PF	S0599632	Benign tumour of prostate	3
C0154009	ENG	S	L0524758	PF	S0598914	Benign prostatic tumor	3
C0154009	ENG	S	L0524759	PF	S0598915	Benign prostatic tumour	3
C0154009	ENG	s	L0033572	PF	S0999020	Prostate <3>	0
C0154009	ENG	s	L0033572	VO	S0077252	Prostate	3
C0154009	GER	I	L1258213	PF	S1500159	Gutartige Neubildung: Prostata	1



# SRDEF Basic information

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RT	TUI	STY/RL	STN/RTN	DEF	EX	UN	NH	ABR	RIN
STY T001 Organism A1.1 Generally, a living individual, including all plants and animals. Homozygote; Radiation Chimera; Sporocyst									
STY T002 Plant A1.1.1 An organism having cellulose cell walls, growing by synthesis of inorganic substances, generally distinguished by the presence of chlorophyll, and lacking the power of locomotion. Plant parts are included here as well. Pollen; Potatoes; Vegetables									
STY T003 Alga A1.1.1.1 A chiefly aquatic plant that contains chlorophyll, but does not form embryos during development and lacks vascular tissue. Chlorella; Laminaria; Seaweed									
STY T004 Fungus A1.1.2 A eukaryotic organism characterized by the absence of chlorophyll and the presence of a rigid cell wall. Included here are both slime molds and true fungi such as yeasts, molds, mildews, and mushrooms. Aspergillus clavatus; Blastomyces; Helminthosporium; Neurospora									
[...]									
RL T132 physically_related_to R1 Related by virtue of some physical attribute or characteristic.     PR physically_related_to									
RL T133 part_of R1.1 Composes, with one or more other physical units, some larger whole. This includes component of, division of, portion of, fragment of, section of, and layer of.     PT has_part									
[...]									
RL T186 isa H The basic hierarchical link in the Network. If one item "isa" another item then the first item is more specific in meaning than the second item.     IS inverse_isa									
[...]									



# SRSTR Structure

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STY/RL	RL	STY/RL	LS
Biologic Function	<b>affects</b>	Organism D	
Biologic Function	<b>isa</b>	Natural Phenomenon or Process D	
Biologic Function	<b>process_of</b>	Organism D	
Biologic Function	<b>produces</b>	Biologically Active Substance D	
Biologic Function	<b>produces</b>	Body Substance D	
[...]			
Disease or Syndrome	<b>conceptually_related_to</b>	Experimental Model of Disease DNI	
Disease or Syndrome	<b>isa</b>	Pathologic Function D	
Disease or Syndrome	<b>produces</b>	Tissue D	
[...]			
Medical Device	<b>isa</b>	Manufactured Object D	
Medical Device	<b>prevents</b>	Injury or Poisoning D	
Medical Device	<b>prevents</b>	Pathologic Function D	
Medical Device	<b>treats</b>	Anatomical Abnormality D	
Medical Device	<b>treats</b>	Injury or Poisoning D	
Medical Device	<b>treats</b>	Pathologic Function D	
Medical Device	<b>treats</b>	Sign or Symptom D	
[...]			
Mental Process	<b>process_of</b>	Plant B	blocks
			Biologic Function  <b>process_of</b>
			Organism D
[...]			
part_of	<b>isa</b>	physically_related_to D	
[...]			



# SRSTRE2 Structure (expanded)

STY	RL	STY	
Disease or Syndrome	isa	Pathologic Function	Pathologic Function  isa Biologic Function
Disease or Syndrome	isa	Biologic Function	Biologic Function isa Natural Phen. or Process
Disease or Syndrome	isa	Natural Phen. or Pr.	Natural Phen. or Process isa Phen. or Process
Disease or Syndrome	isa	Phenomenon or Process	Phenomenon or Process isa Event
Disease or Syndrome	isa	Event	
Disease or Syndrome	affects	Alga	
Disease or Syndrome	affects	Amphibian	
Disease or Syndrome	affects	Animal	
Disease or Syndrome	affects	Archaeon	
Disease or Syndrome	affects	Bacterium	
Disease or Syndrome	affects	Biologic Function	
Disease or Syndrome	affects	Bird	
Disease or Syndrome	affects	Cell Function	
Disease or Syndrome	affects	Cell or Molecular Dysfunction	
[...]			

from Biologic Function|affects|Organism|D|



# Normalization Example

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Hodgkin Disease  
HODGKINS DISEASE  
Hodgkin's Disease  
Disease, Hodgkin's  
Hodgkin's, disease  
HODGKIN'S DISEASE  
Hodgkin's disease  
Hodgkins Disease  
Hodgkin's disease NOS  
Hodgkin's disease, NOS  
Disease, Hodgkins  
Diseases, Hodgkins  
Hodgkins Diseases  
Hodgkins disease  
hodgkin's disease  
Disease, Hodgkin

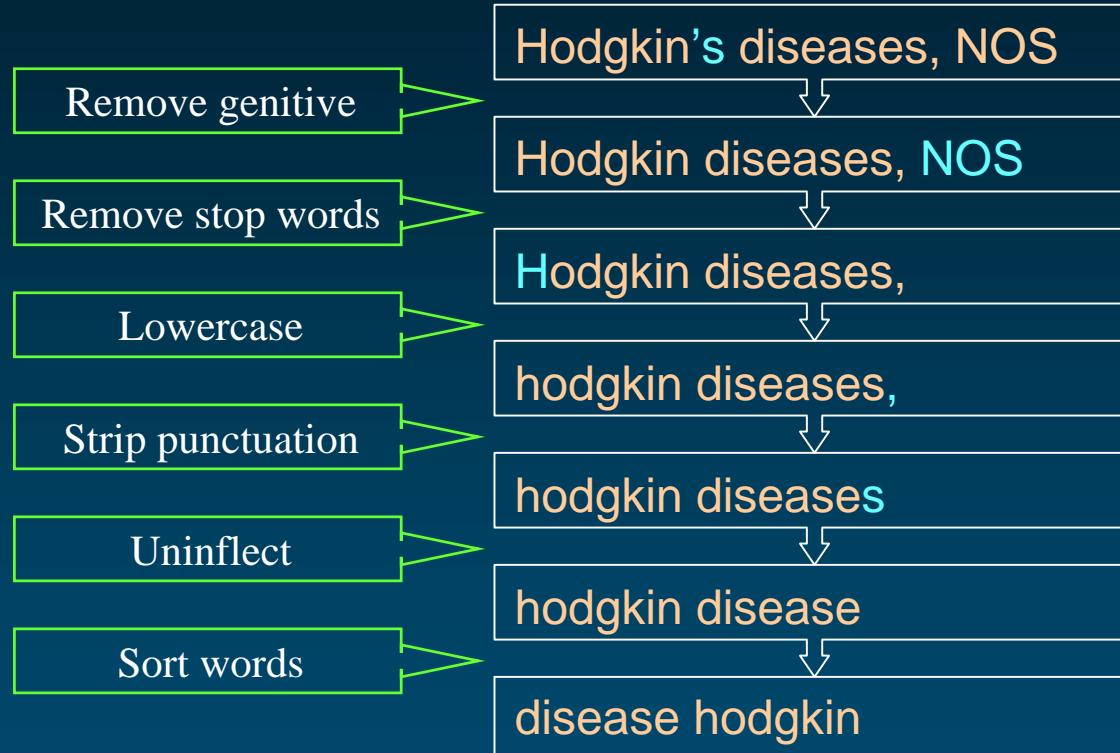
normalize

disease hodgkin



# Normalization

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# Addison's Disease: Co-occurring concepts

25 Autoimmune Diseases  
21 Autoantibodies  
20 Hydrocortisone  
19 Adrenal Glands  
16 Steroid 21-Monooxygenase  
13 Adrenal Gland Diseases  
13 Adrenal Gland Neoplasms  
12 Polyendocrinopathies, Autoimmune  
12 Adrenal Cortex  
11 Tuberculosis, Endocrine  
10 Corticotropin  
10 Glucocorticoids  
9 Diabetes Mellitus, Insulin-Dependent  
8 Thyroiditis, Autoimmune  
8 Tuberculosis  
8 Hypothyroidism  
8 Adrenal gland hypofunction  
8 Autoantigens  
8 Adrenoleukodystrophy  
[...]  
1 Circadian Rhythm  
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